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HYDRA CONQUERED THE UNITED STATES, FOLLOWING A LEADER WITH STEVE ROGERS' FACE.
CAPTAIN AMERICA RETURNED, AND HYDRA FELL. SO THE WAR IS OVER...RIGHT?

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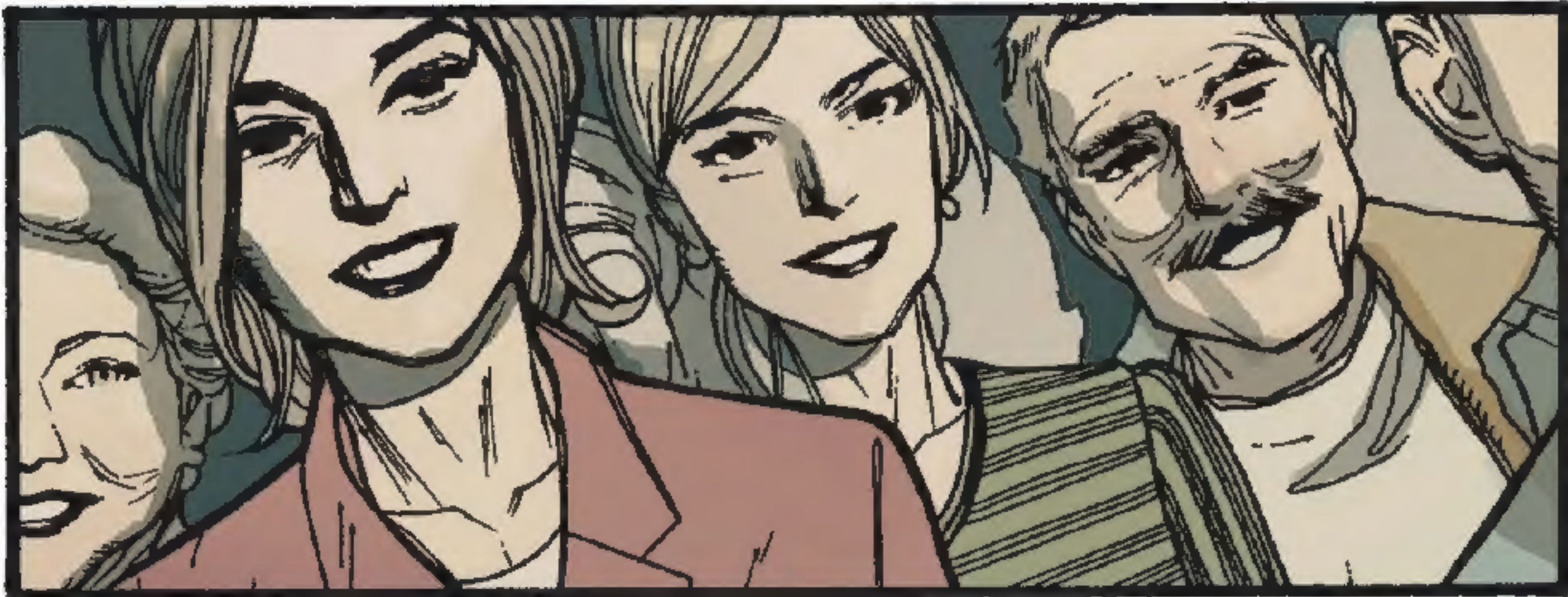
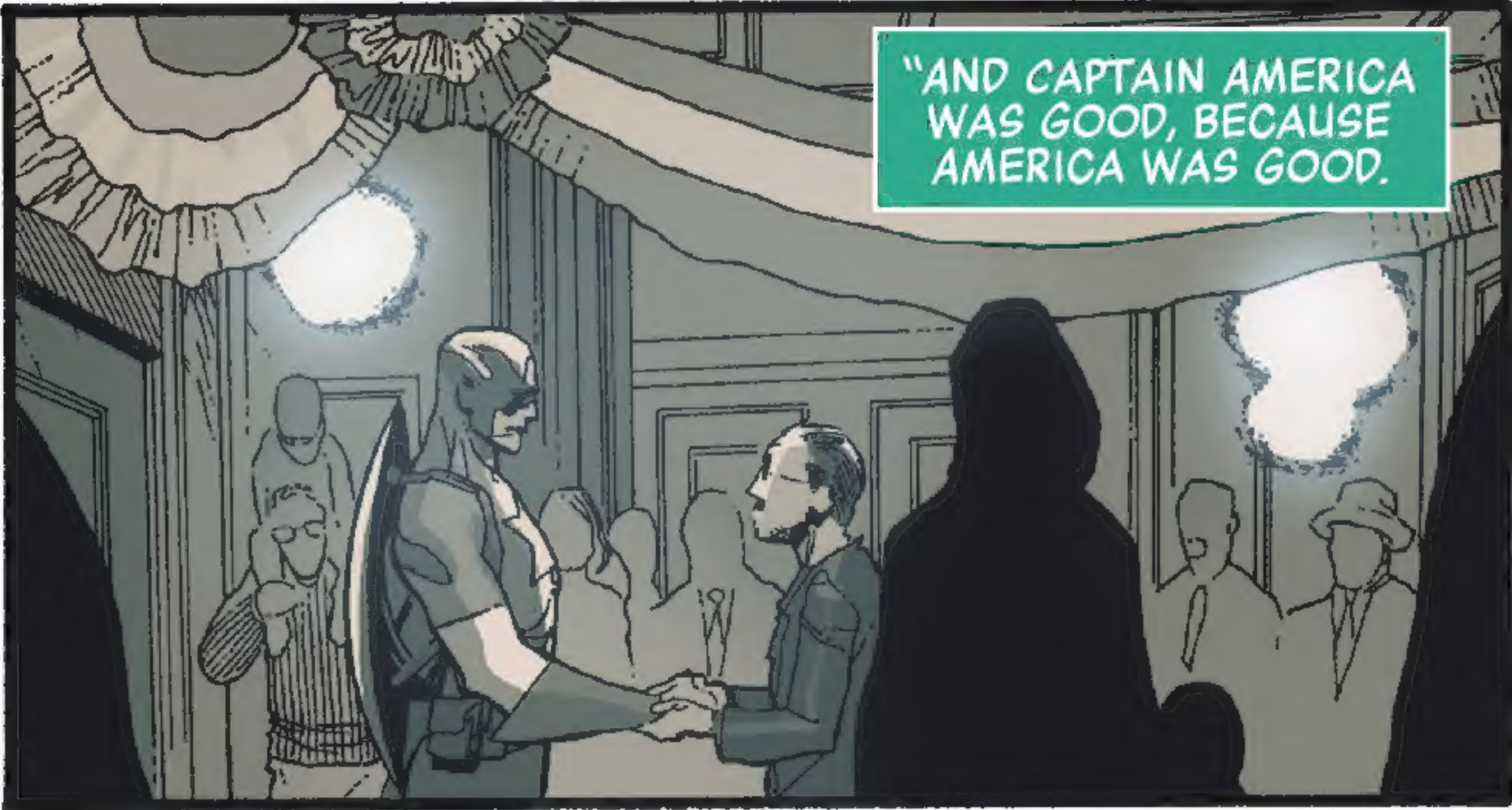


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"WE WHO LOVED AMERICA: A PROLOGUE"

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"FOR YOUR
PREDECESSOR,
THE *FIRST*
SUPER-SOLDIER..."

"...IT WAS ALL
SO SIMPLE."

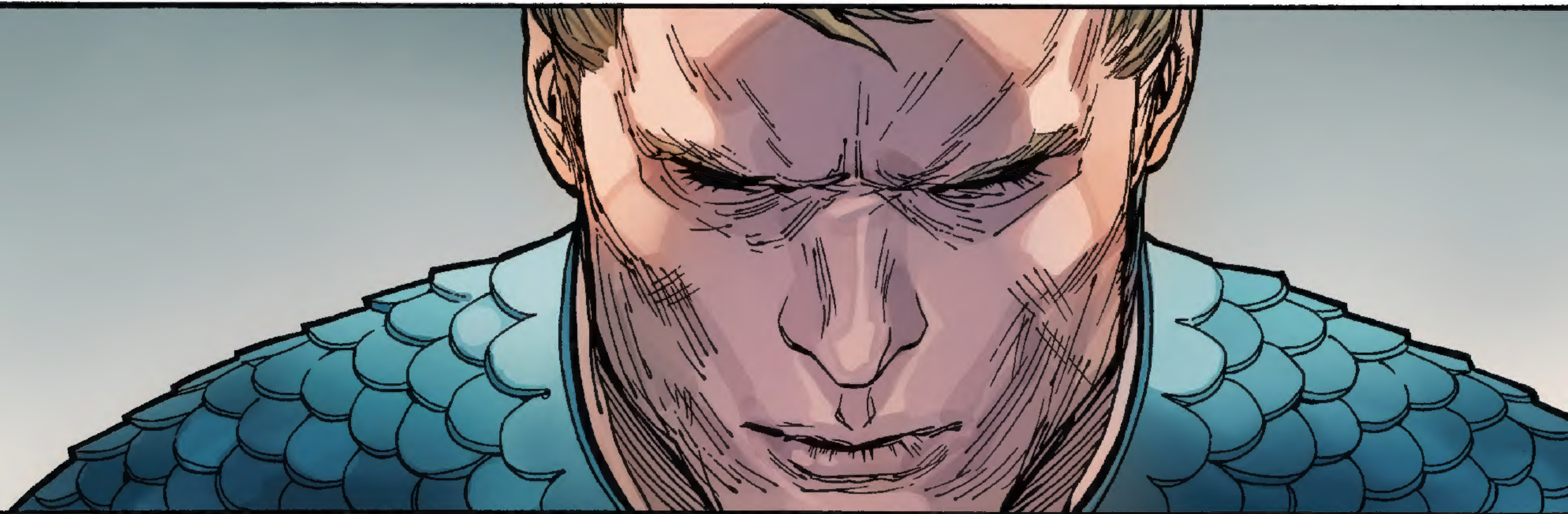


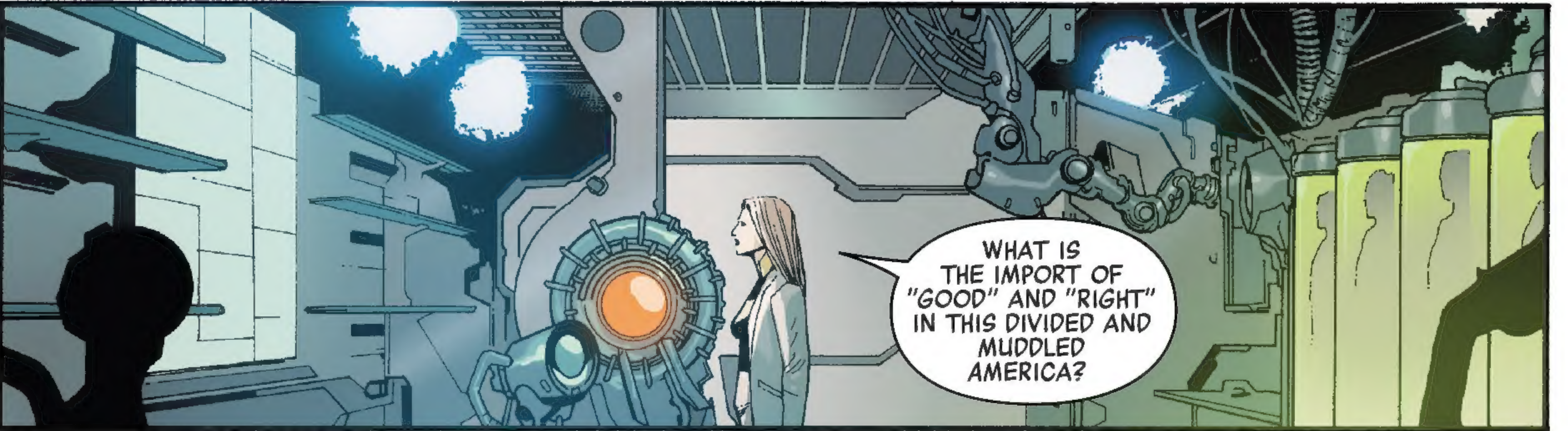
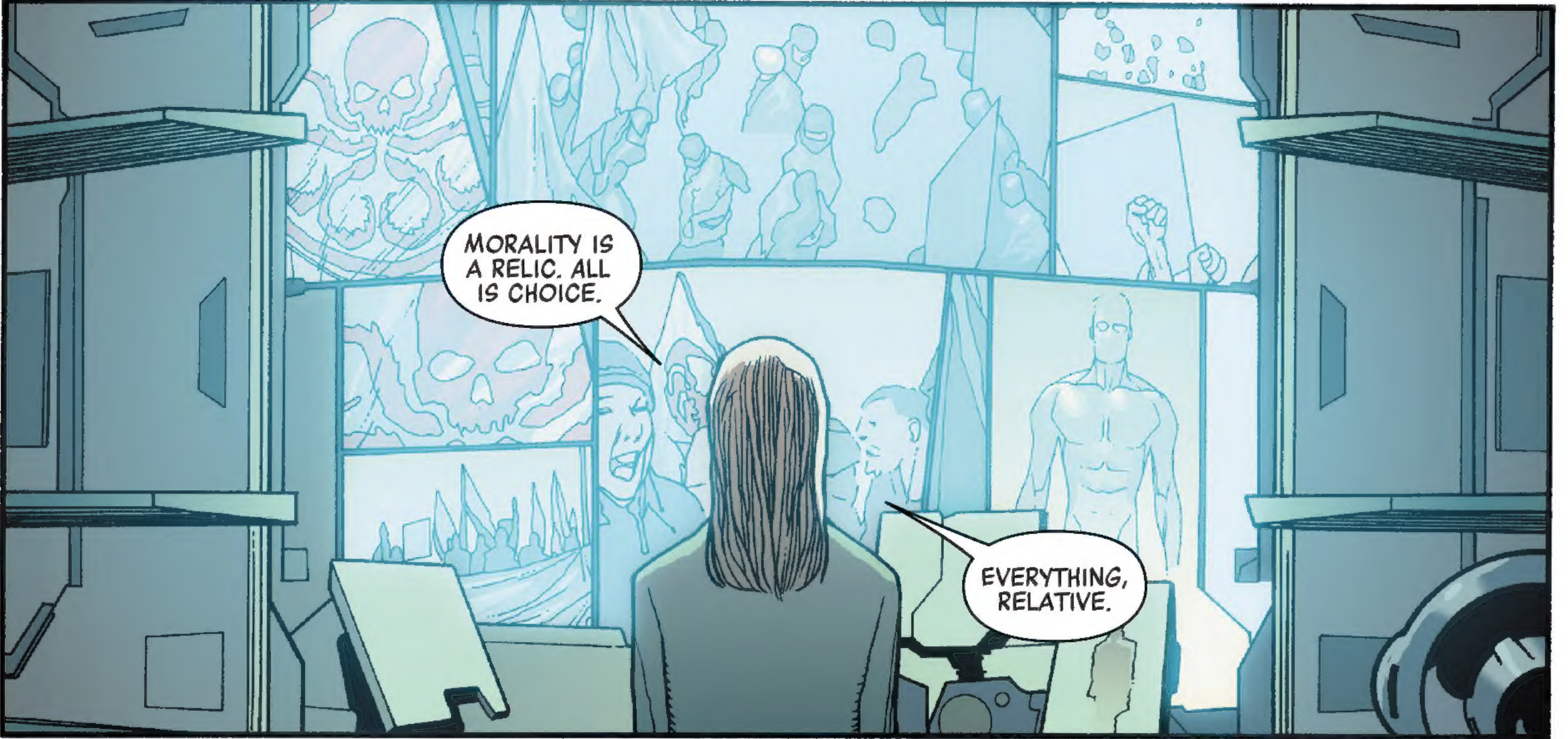


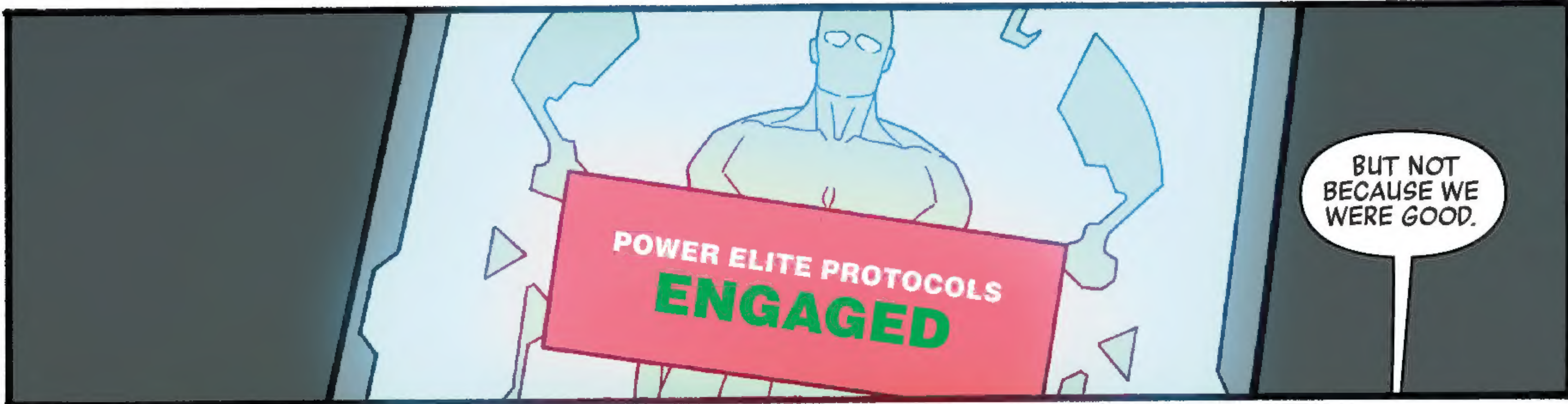
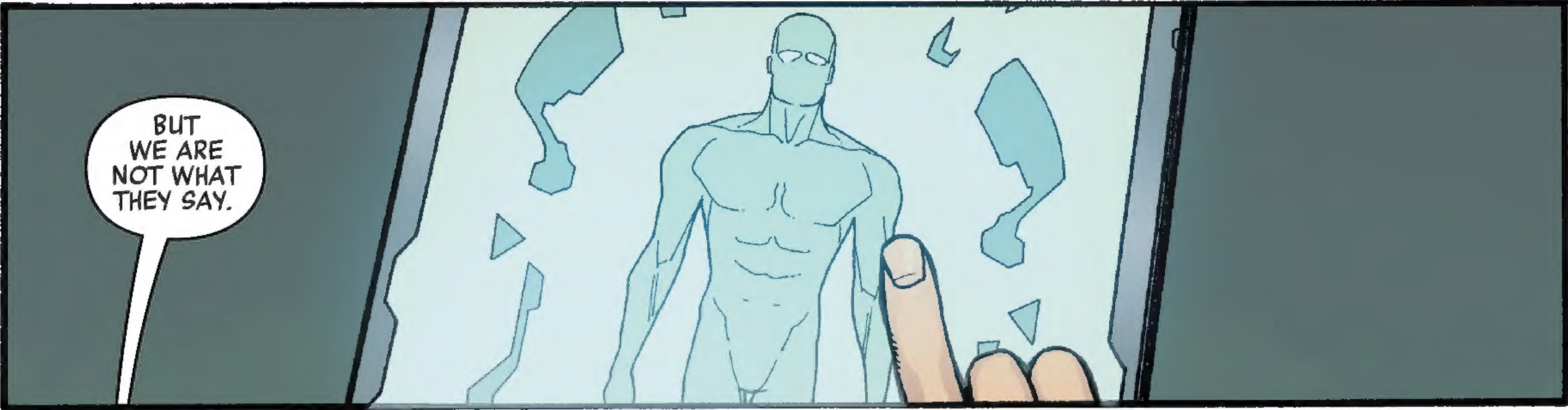
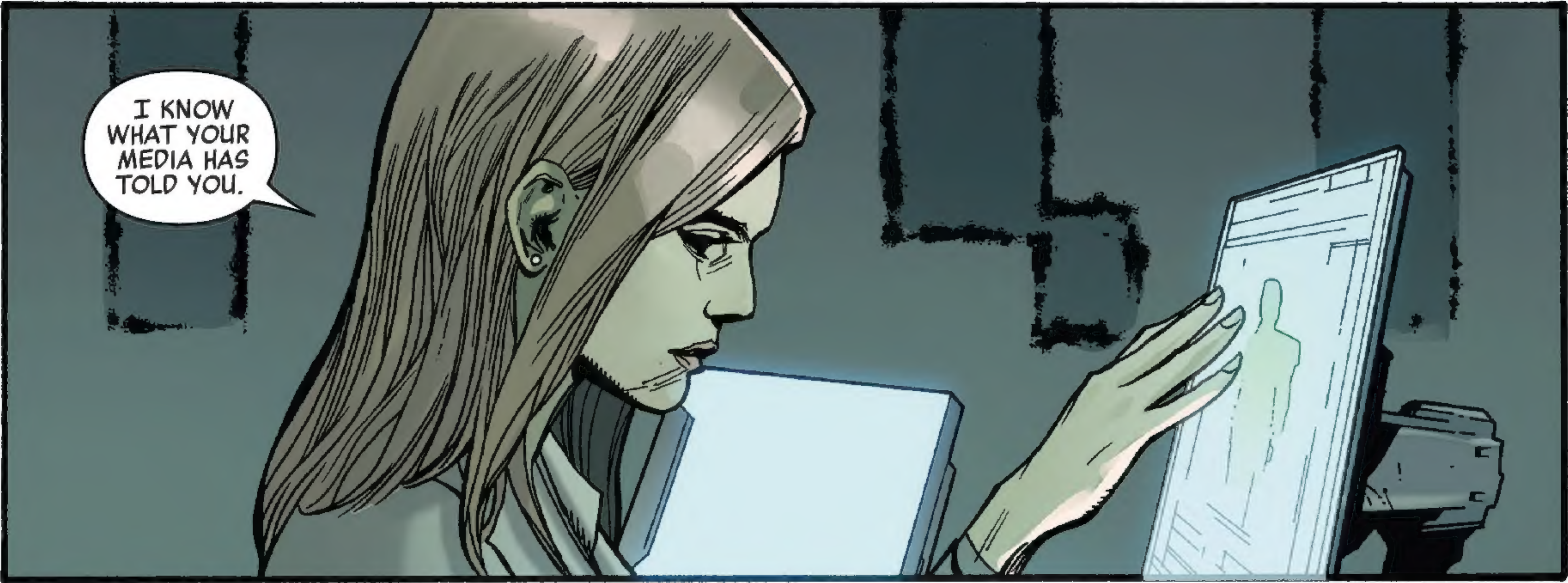
"SO MUCH HAS CHANGED."



"THE GREAT WARS ARE OVER, THEY SAY."









"BECAUSE
WE WERE
STRONG."



"AND I HAVE
ALWAYS LOVED
AMERICA FOR
THIS REASON."



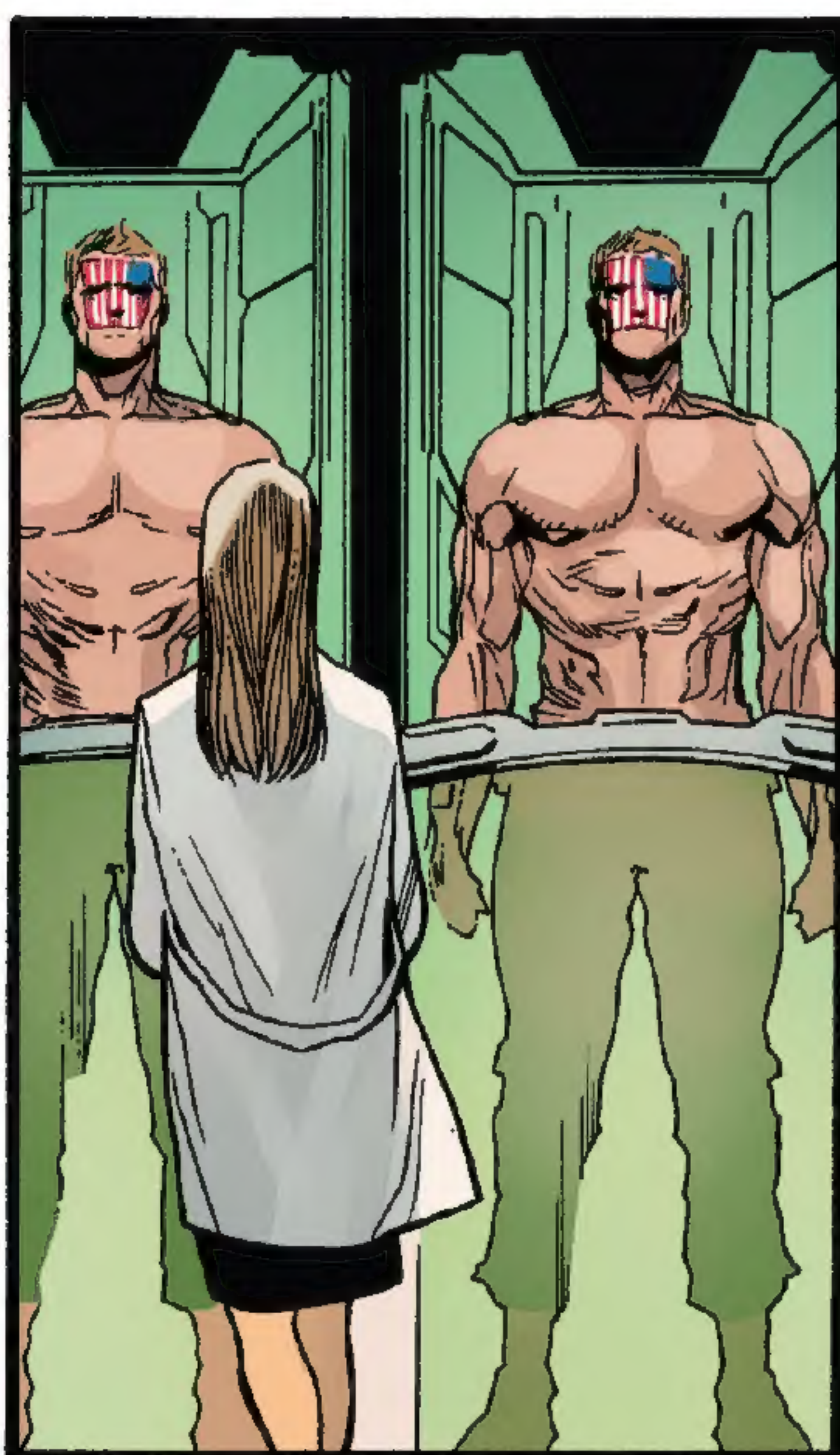
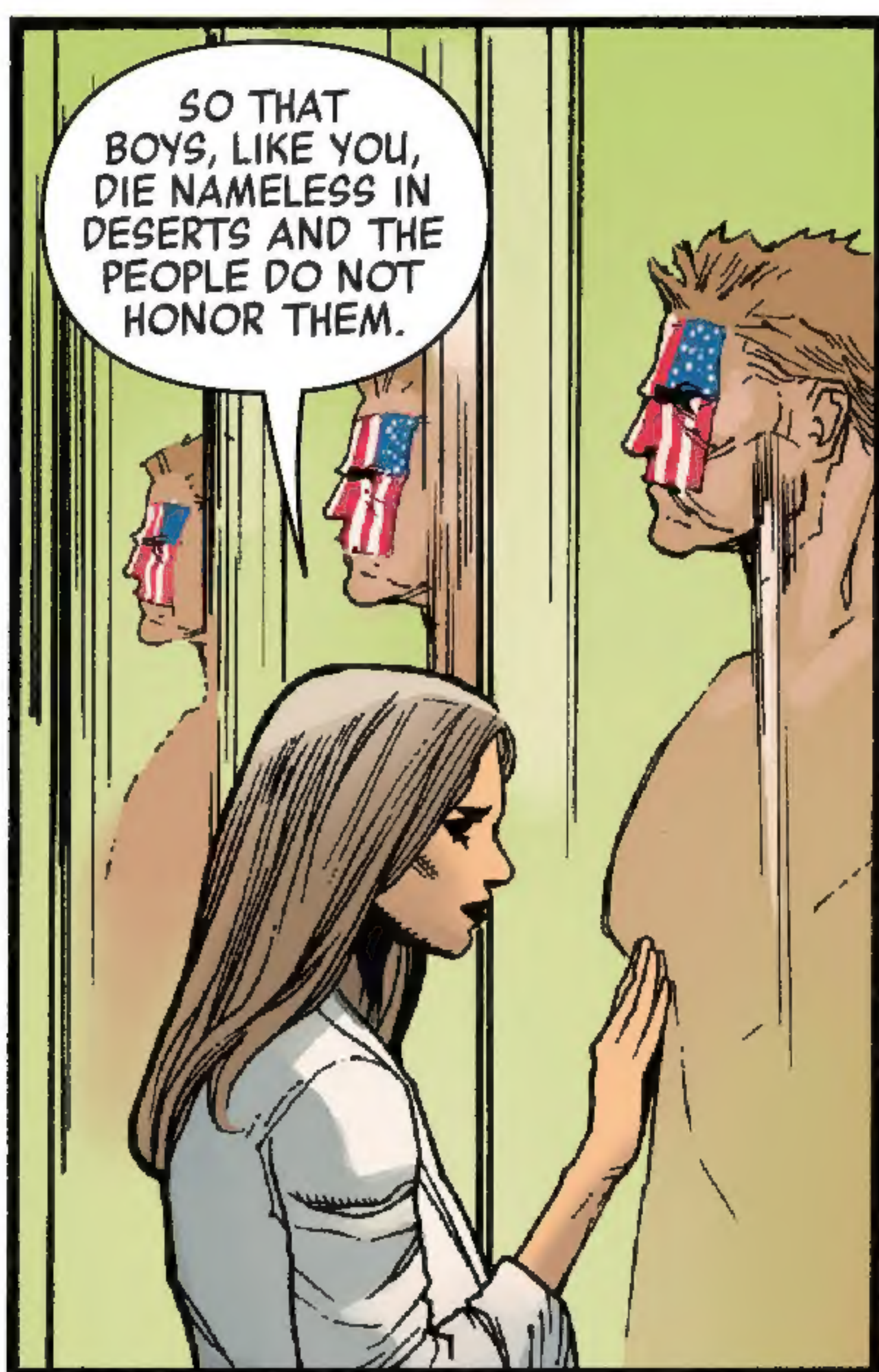
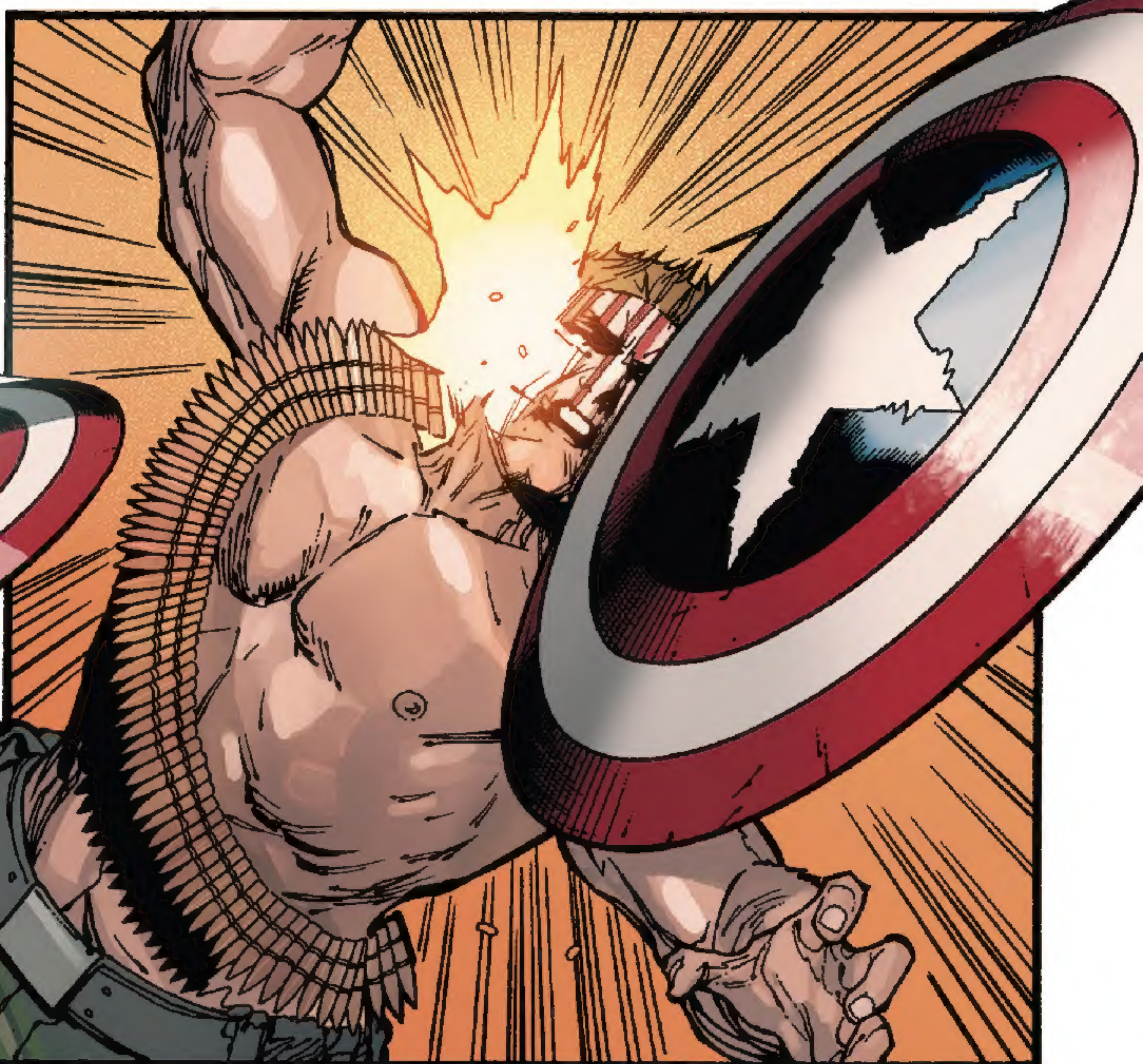
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IS RIGHT...

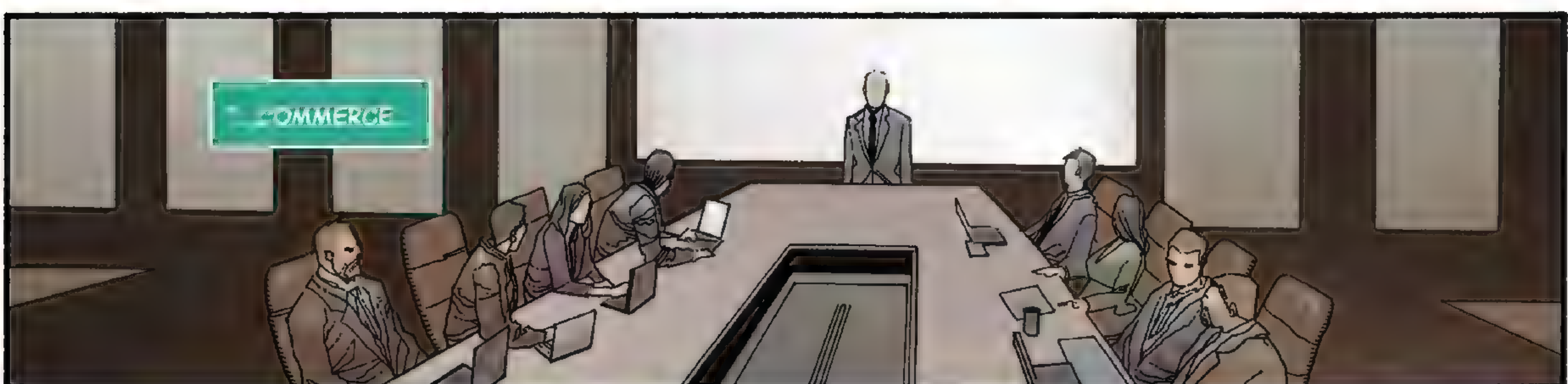
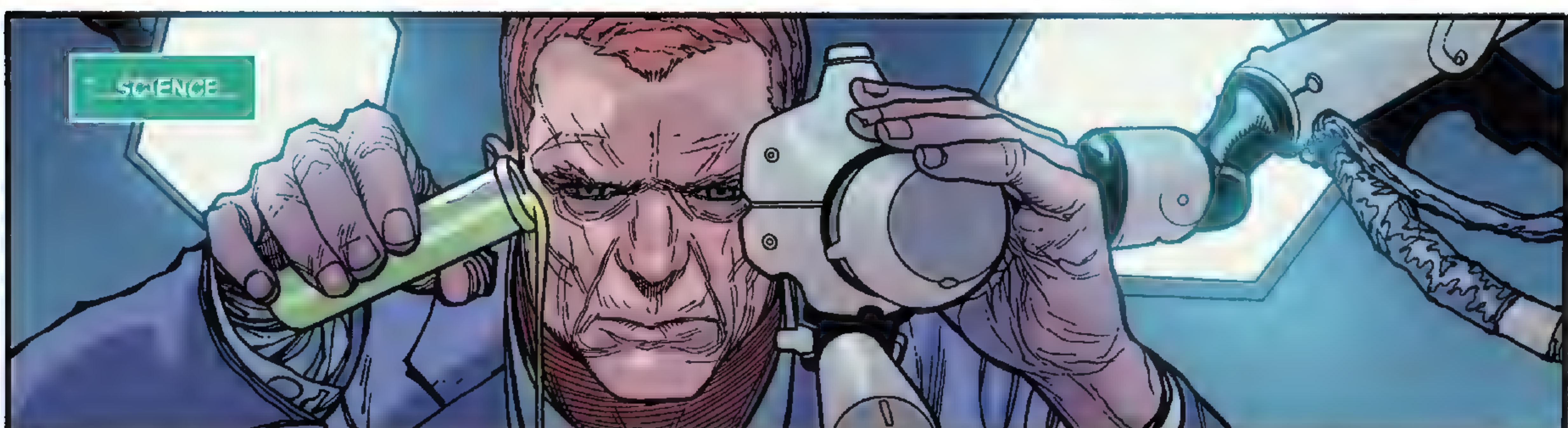


"...BECAUSE
AMERICA IS
STRONG.



"SO MUCH
HAS CHANGED,
MY SON.







THIS SACRED TRUST
STANDS AGAINST THE
WEAK. THE PARASITES
THE FEEBLE MINDS



AND WE
WILL PREVAIL
MY SON



HATE
US...HATE
US FOR OUR
STRENGTH...

OUR BOYS...
DYING IN
DESERTS...

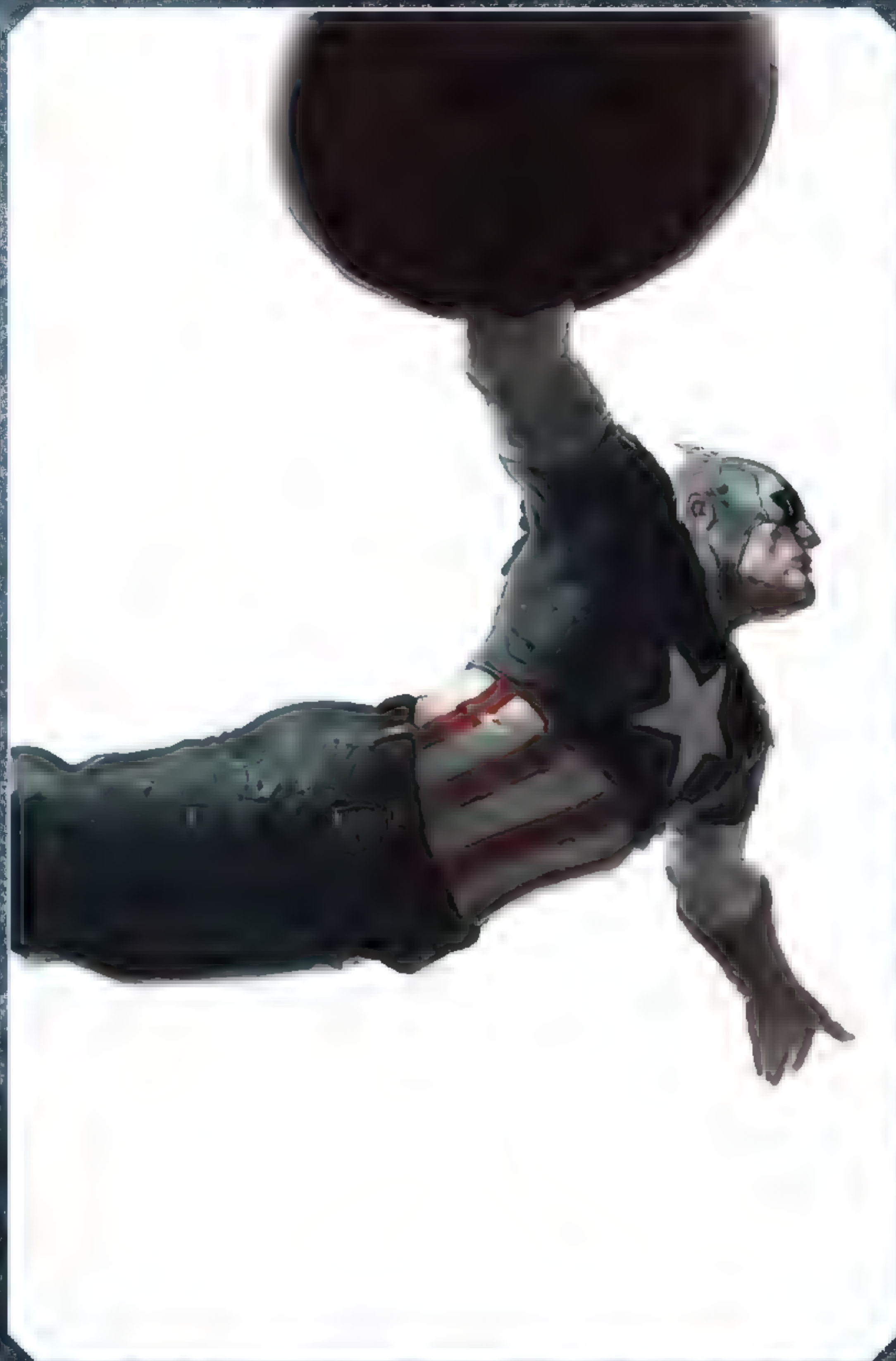


SO THAT AMERICA
MAY BE STRONG
AGAIN

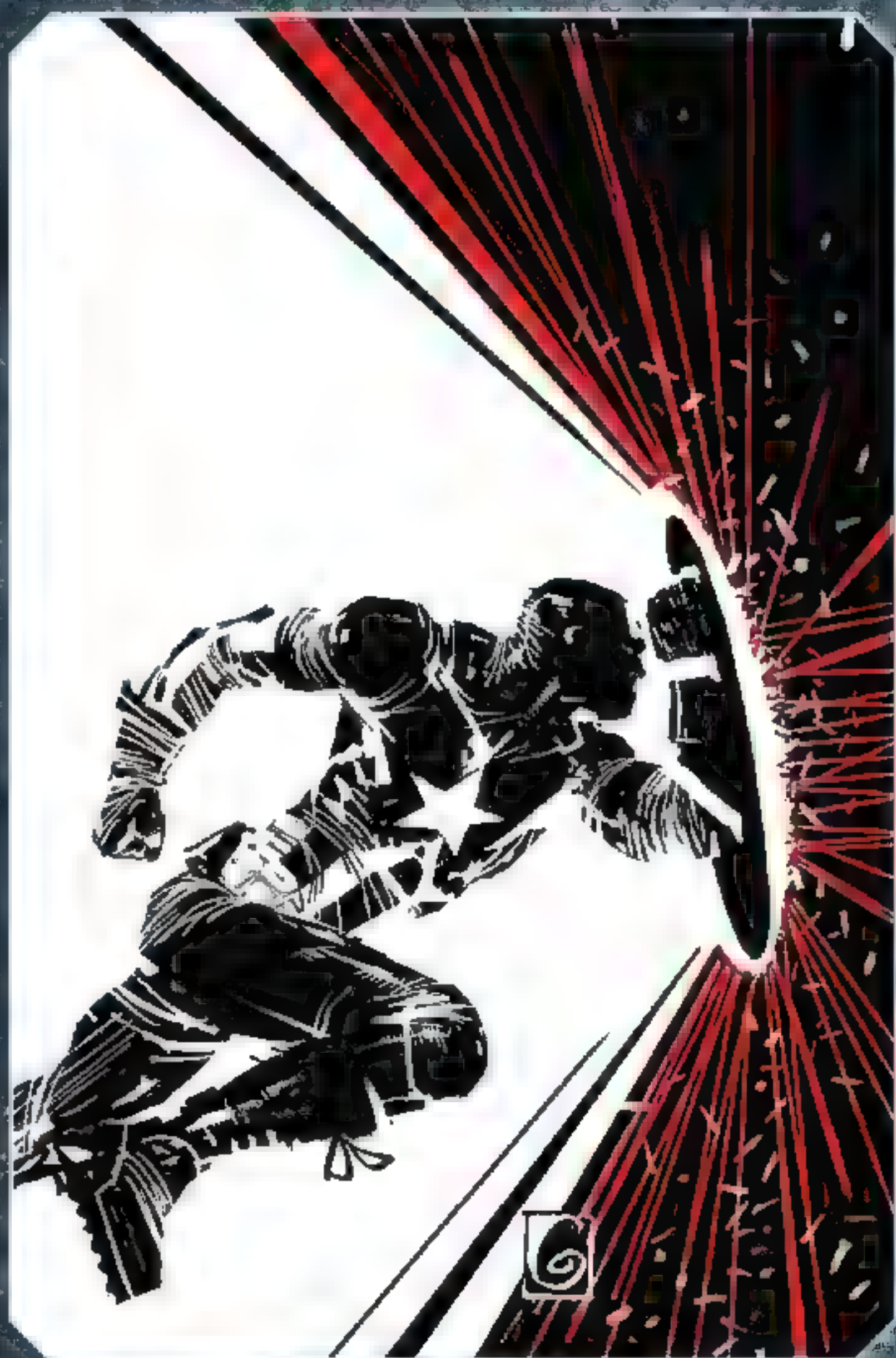




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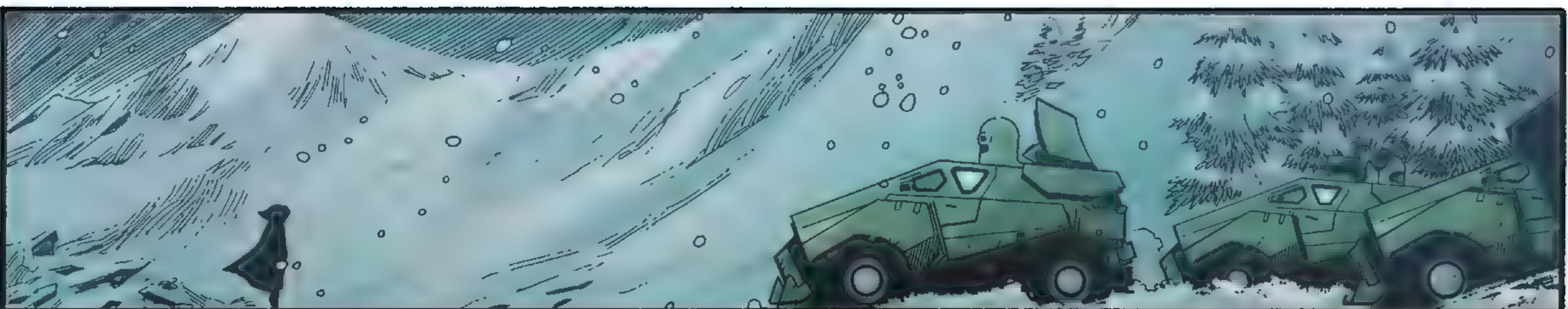
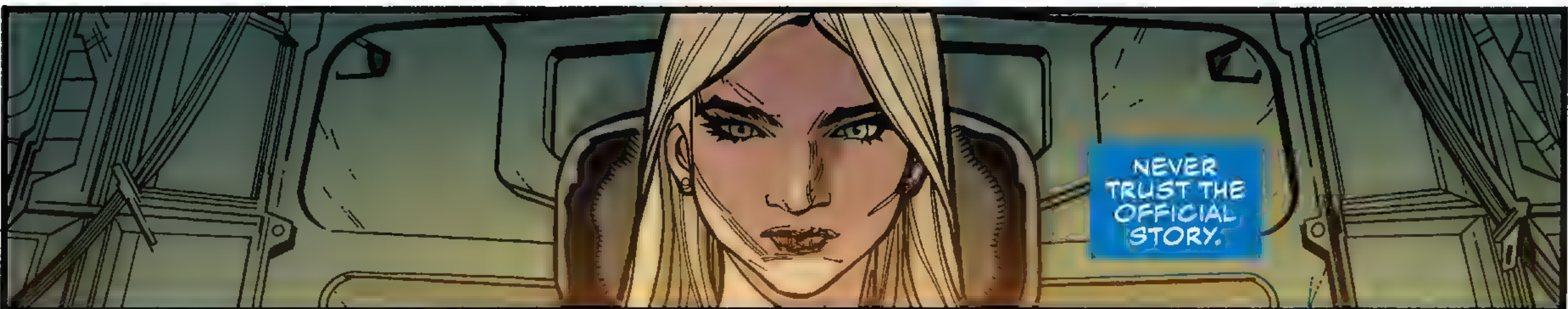
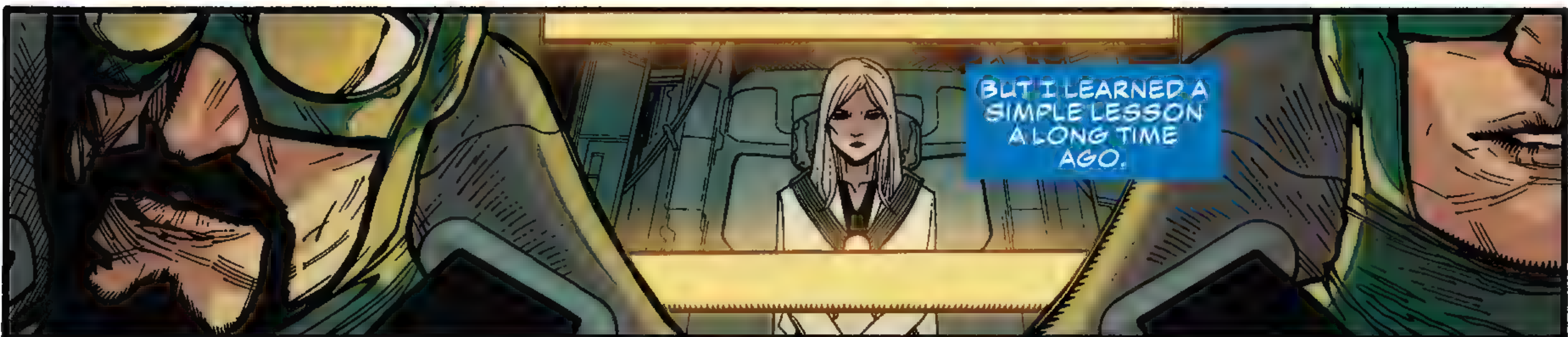
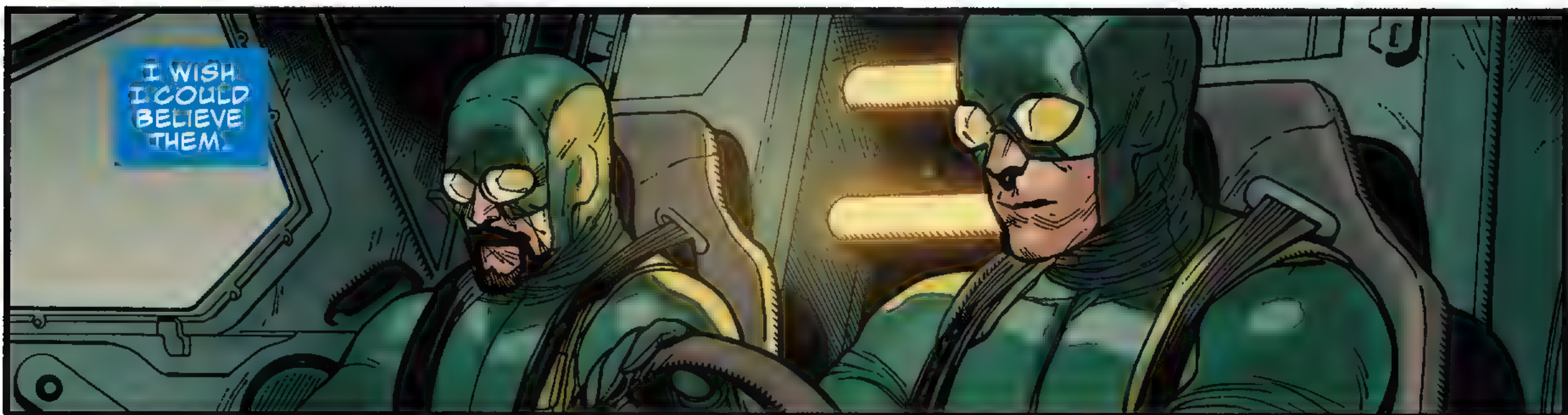
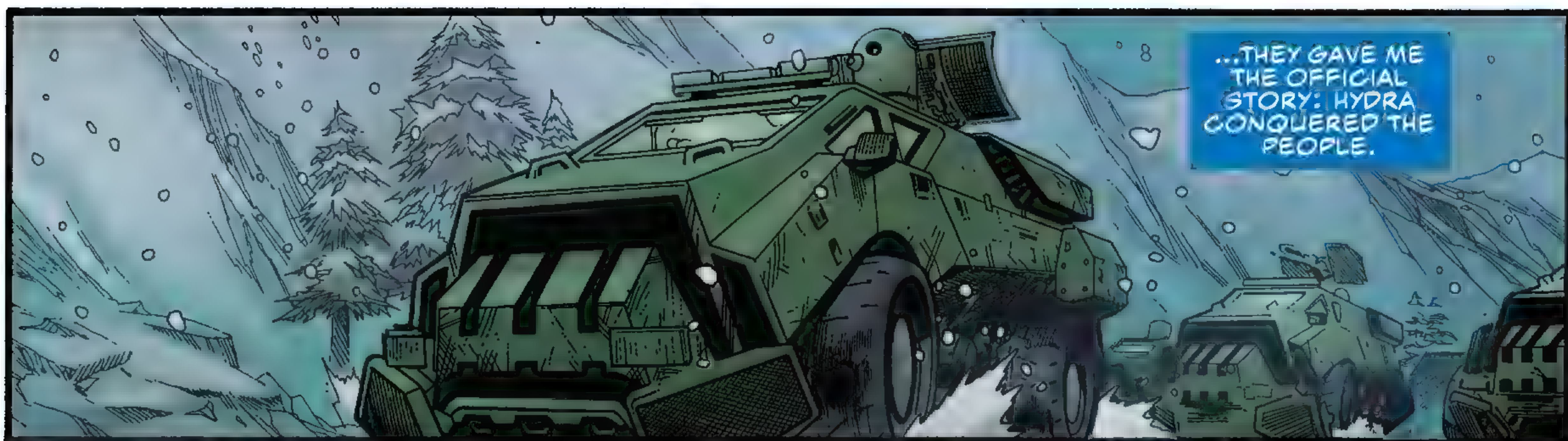


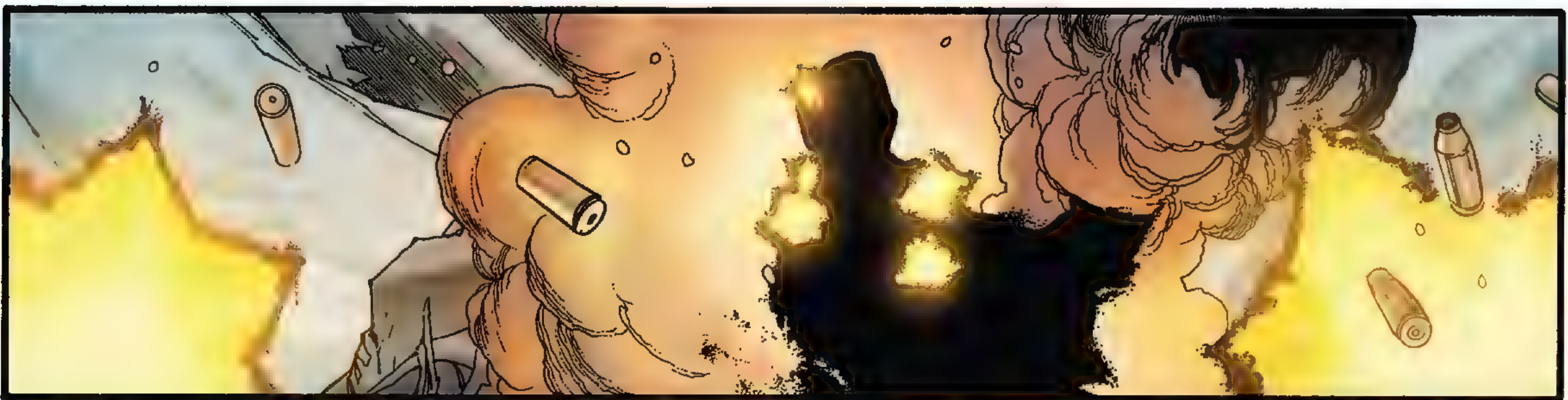
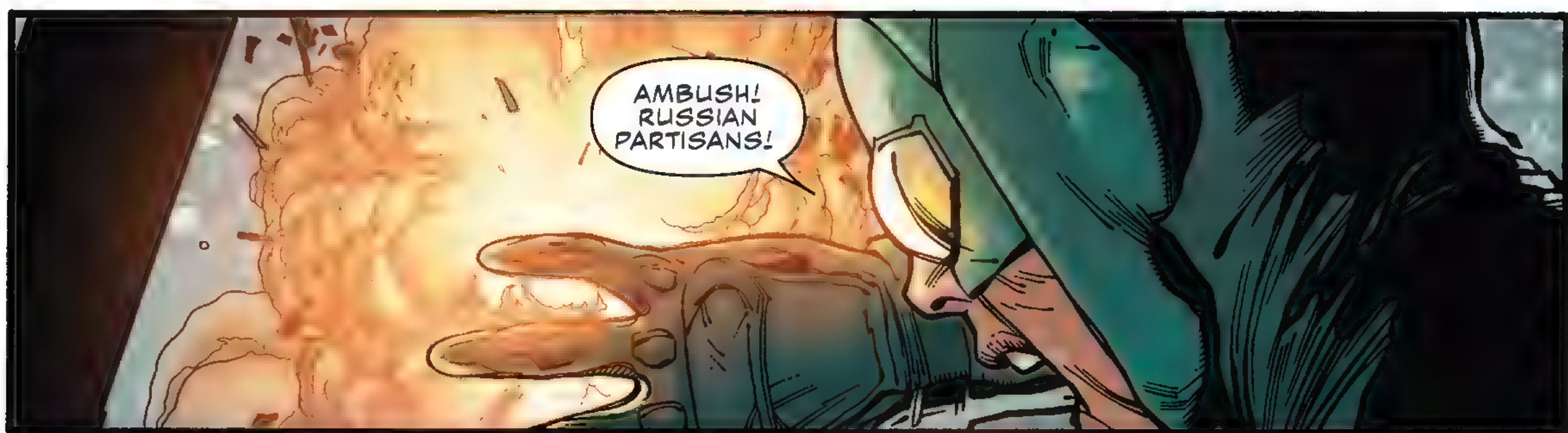
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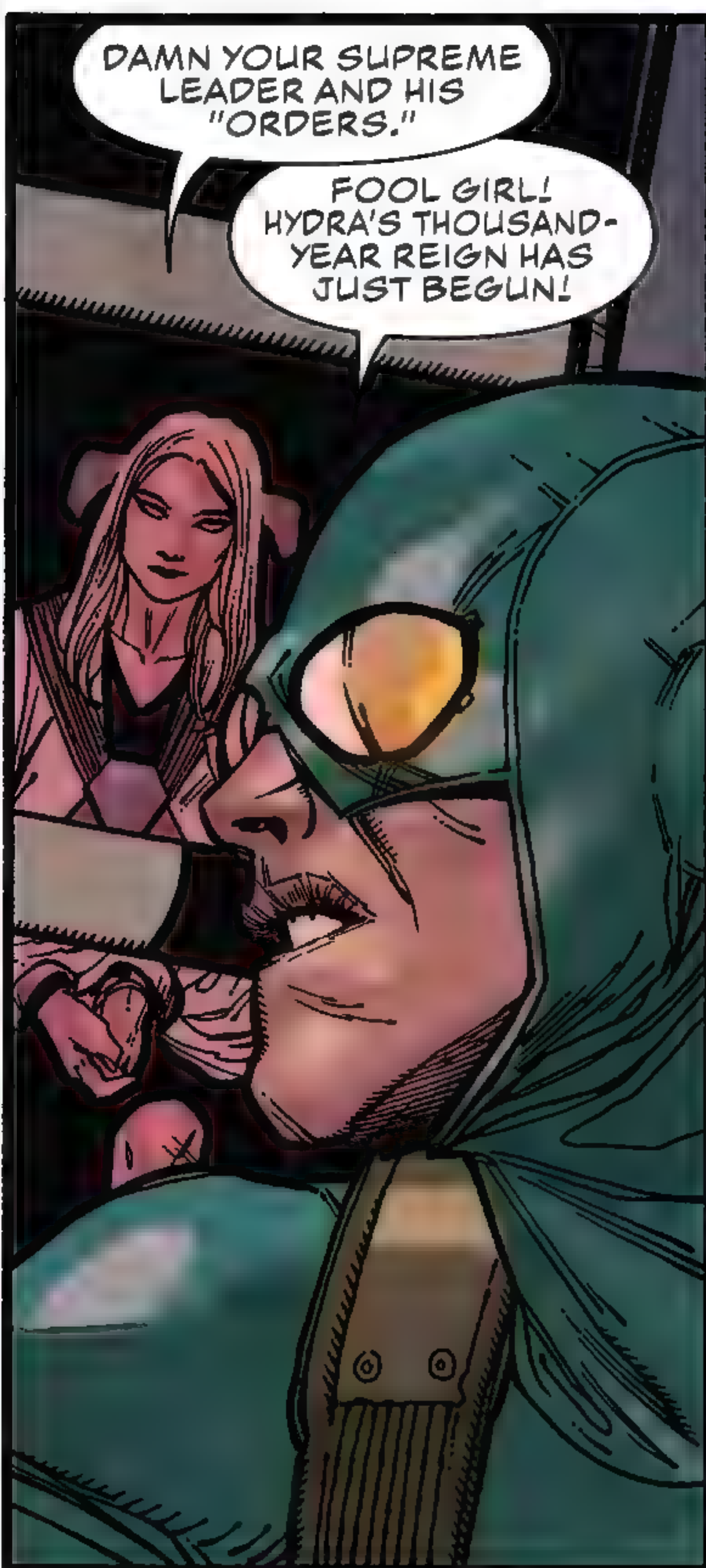








YOU SHOULD
HAVE WALKED AWAY
BACK THERE, YOU
KNOW.

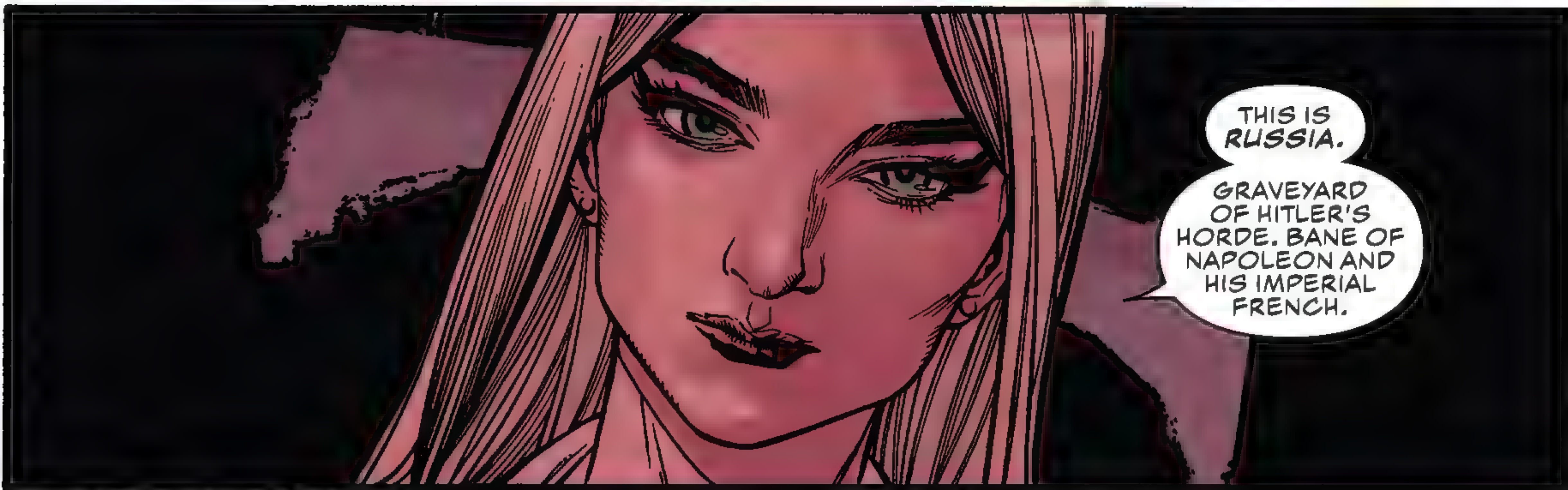


DAMN YOUR SUPREME
LEADER AND HIS
"ORDERS."

FOOL GIRL!
HYDRA'S THOUSAND-
YEAR REIGN HAS
JUST BEGUN!



OH MY
DEAR BOY,
HAVE THEY
NOT TOLD
YOU?

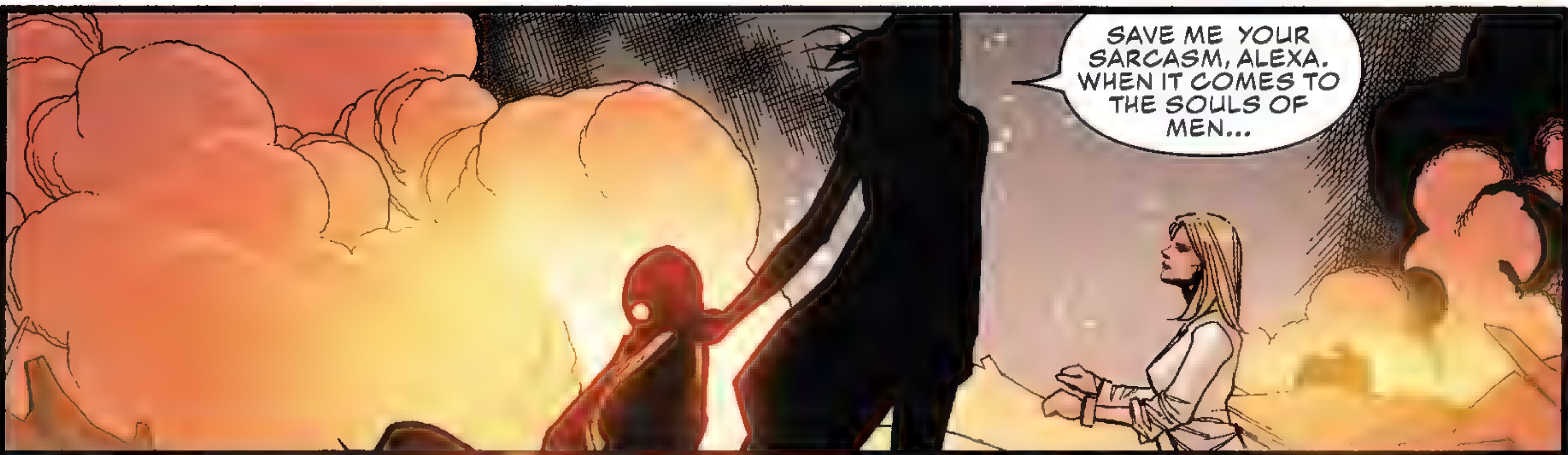
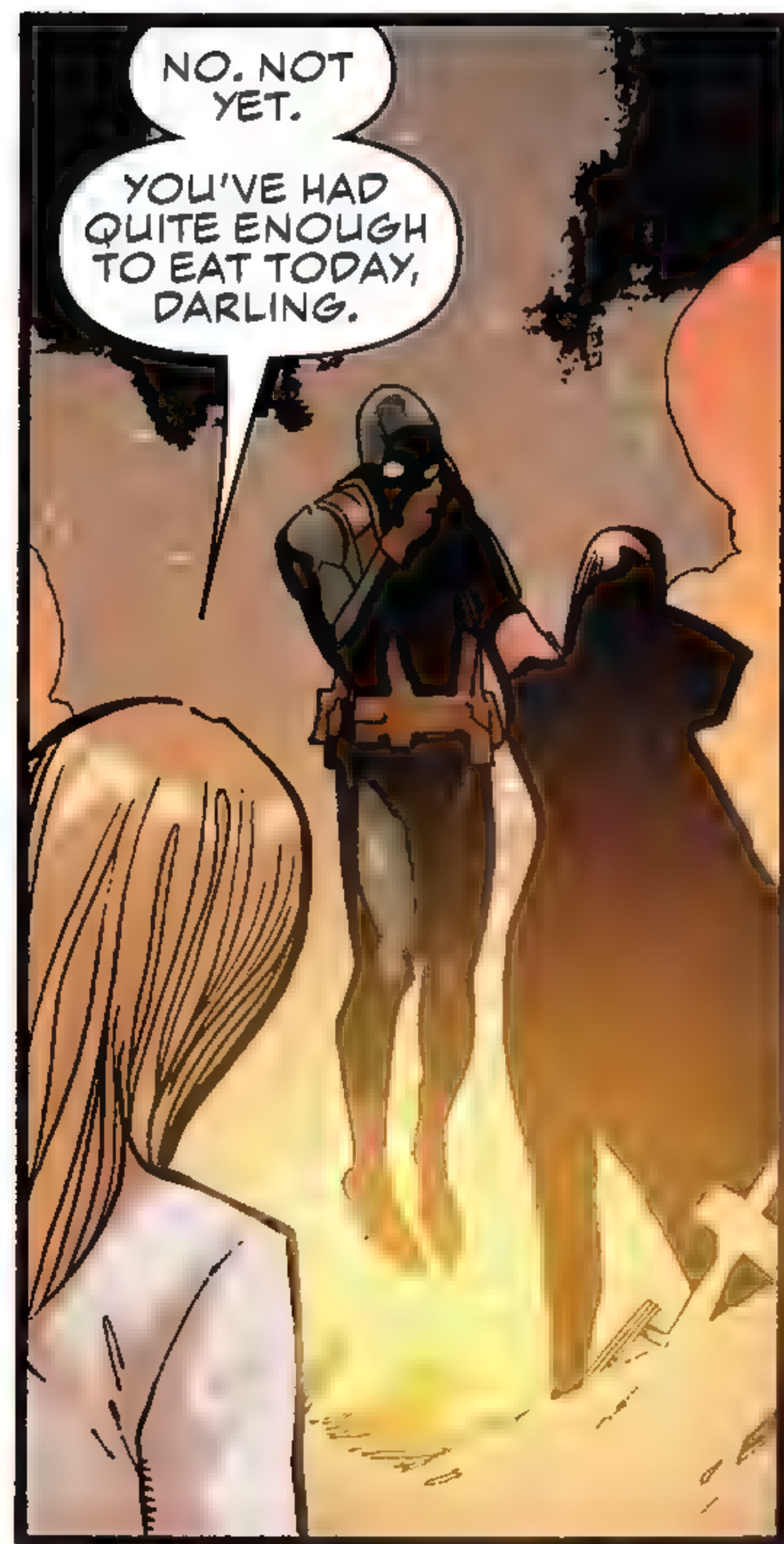


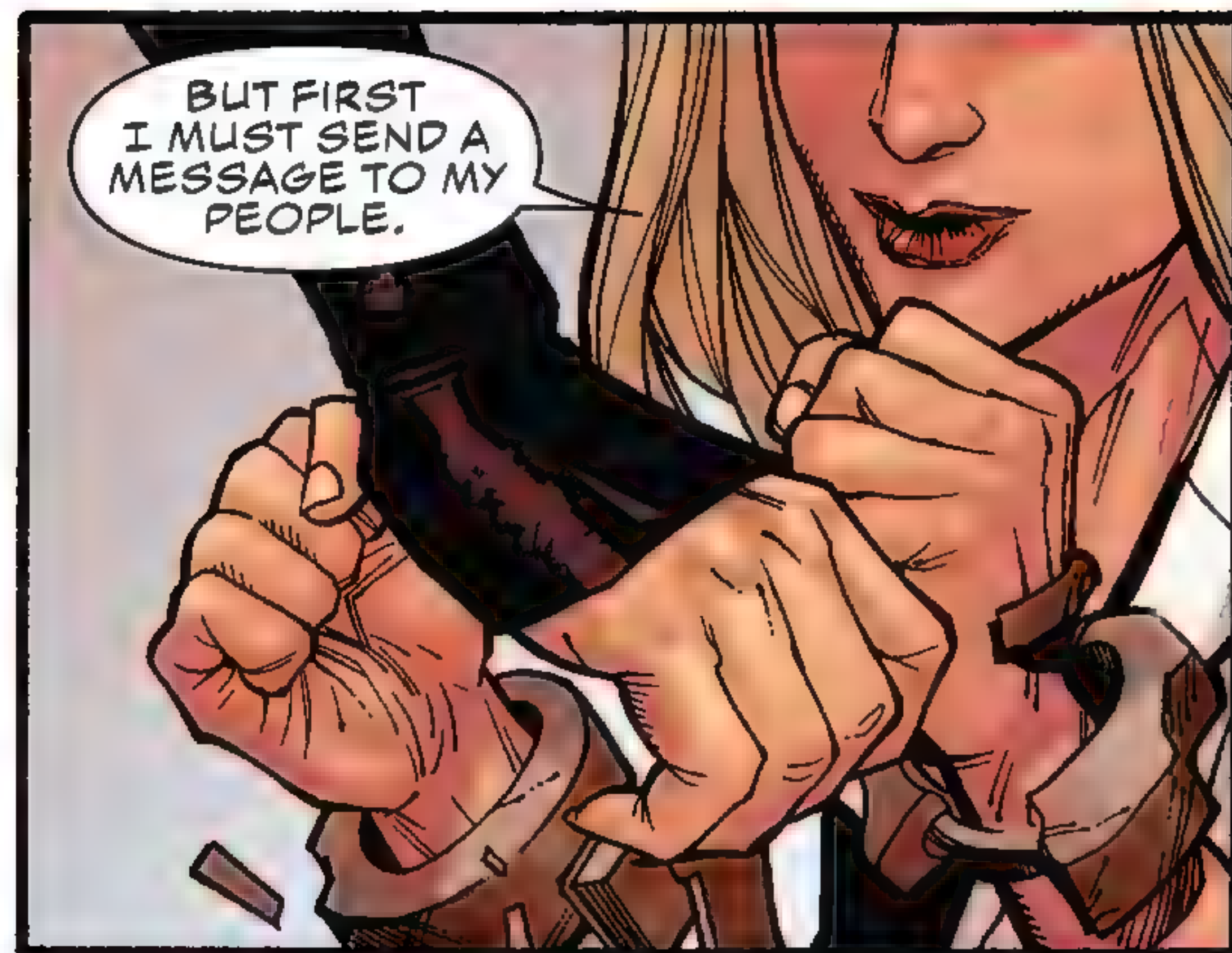
THIS IS
RUSSIA.

GRAVEYARD
OF HITLER'S
HORDE. BANE OF
NAPOLEON AND
HIS IMPERIAL
FRENCH.



WHY
WOULD HYDRA
BE ANY
DIFFERENT?





NATIONAL MALL,
WASHINGTON, DC.
NOW!

AND THEN THERE'S
THE STORY THE
PAPERS TELL:

THE PEOPLE
ROSE UP AND
DESTROYED
HYDRA

BUDDA
BUDDA

BUDDA

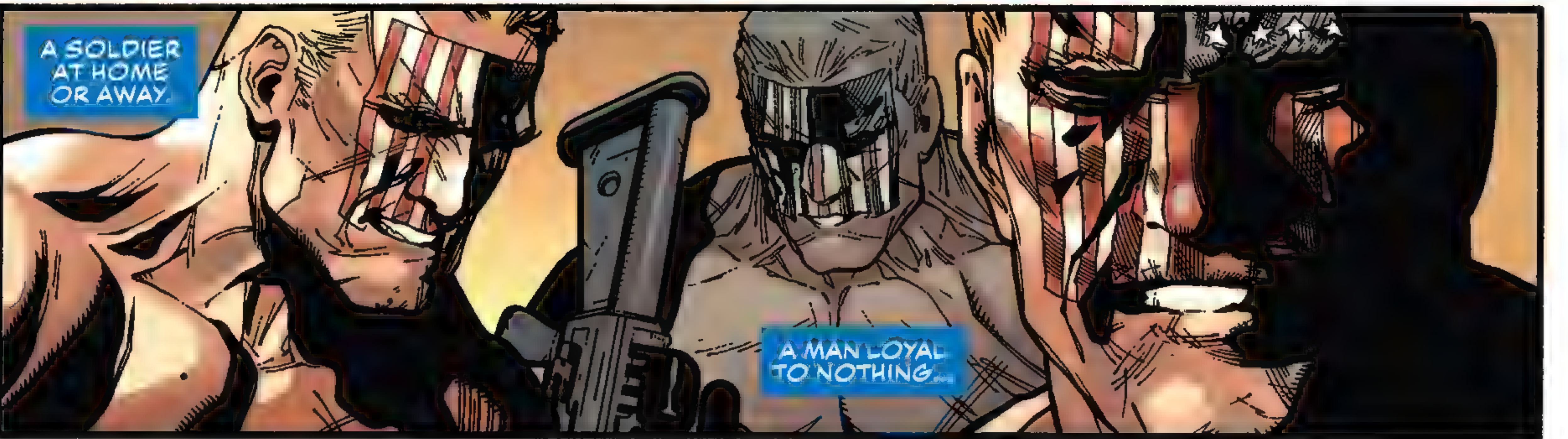
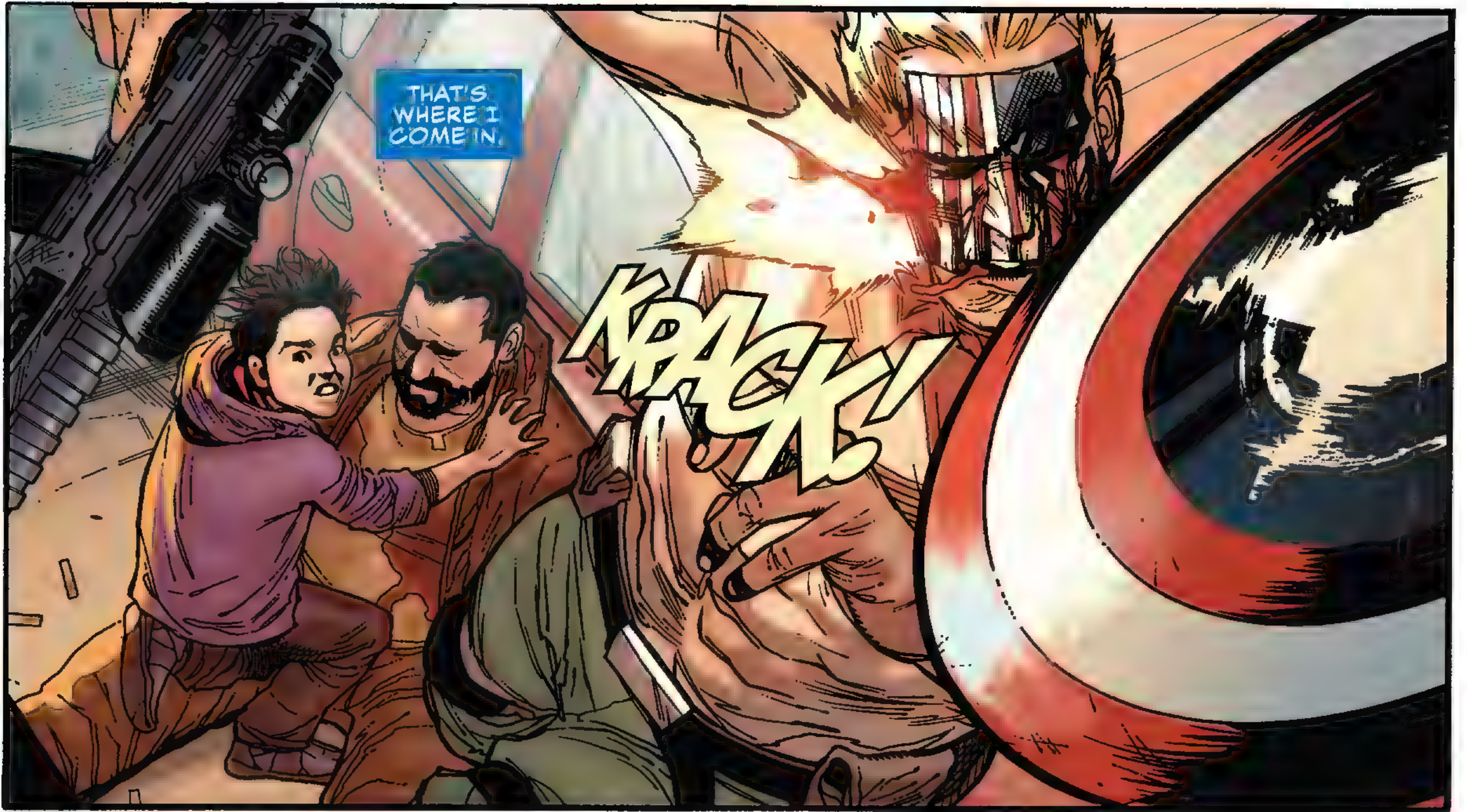
BUT I'VE BEEN
AT WAR SINCE
I WAS A BOY

THESE THINGS
DON'T JUST END.

SOMEHOW, THE
FRONT ALWAYS
COMES BACK HOME.

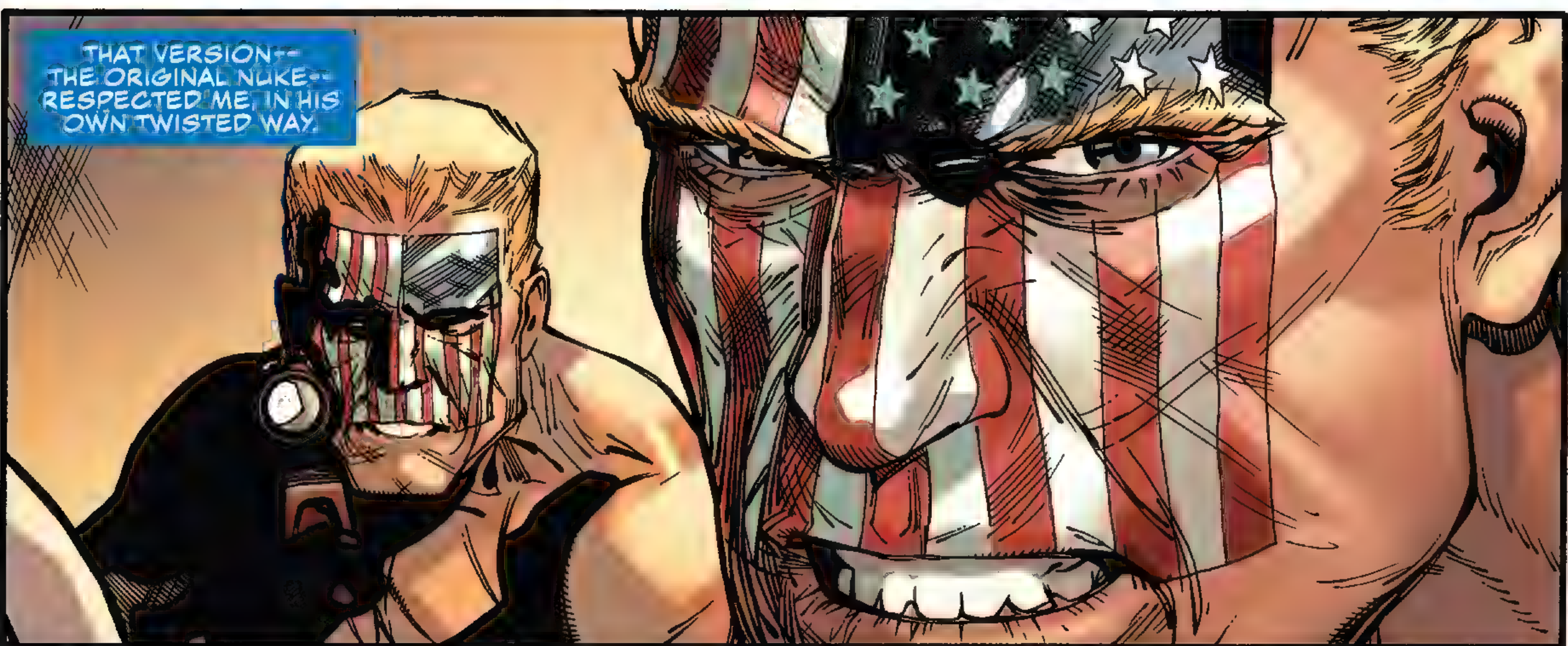
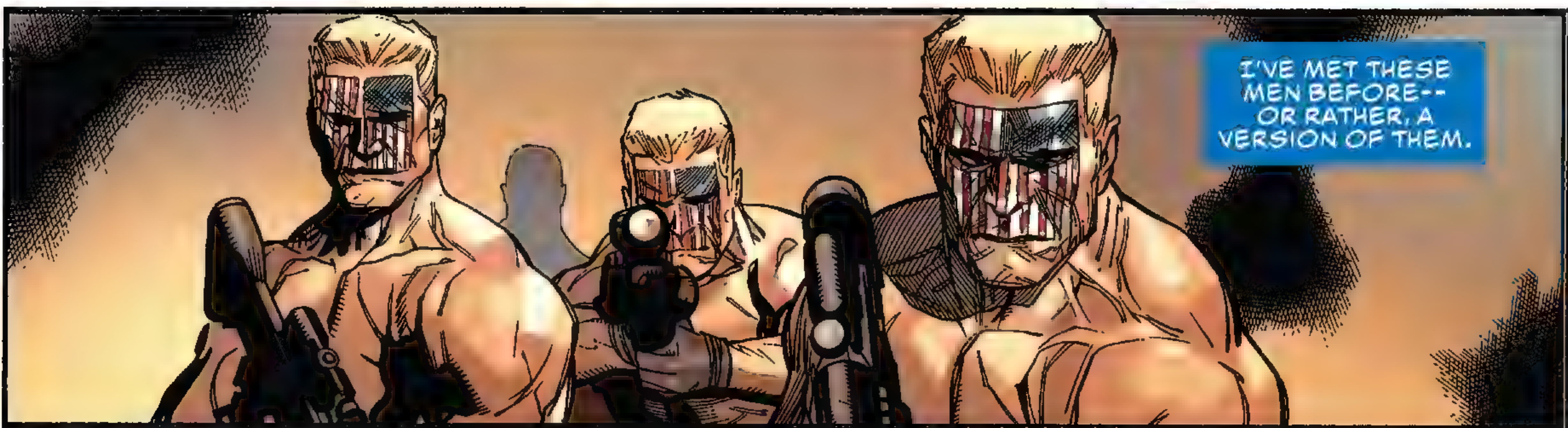
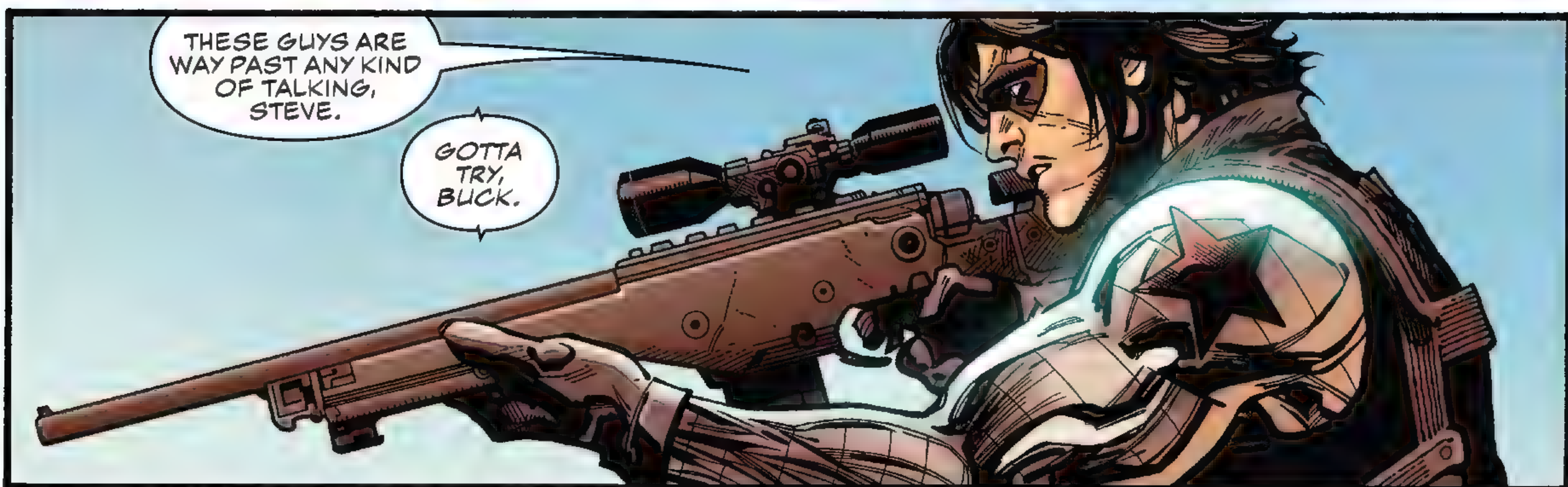
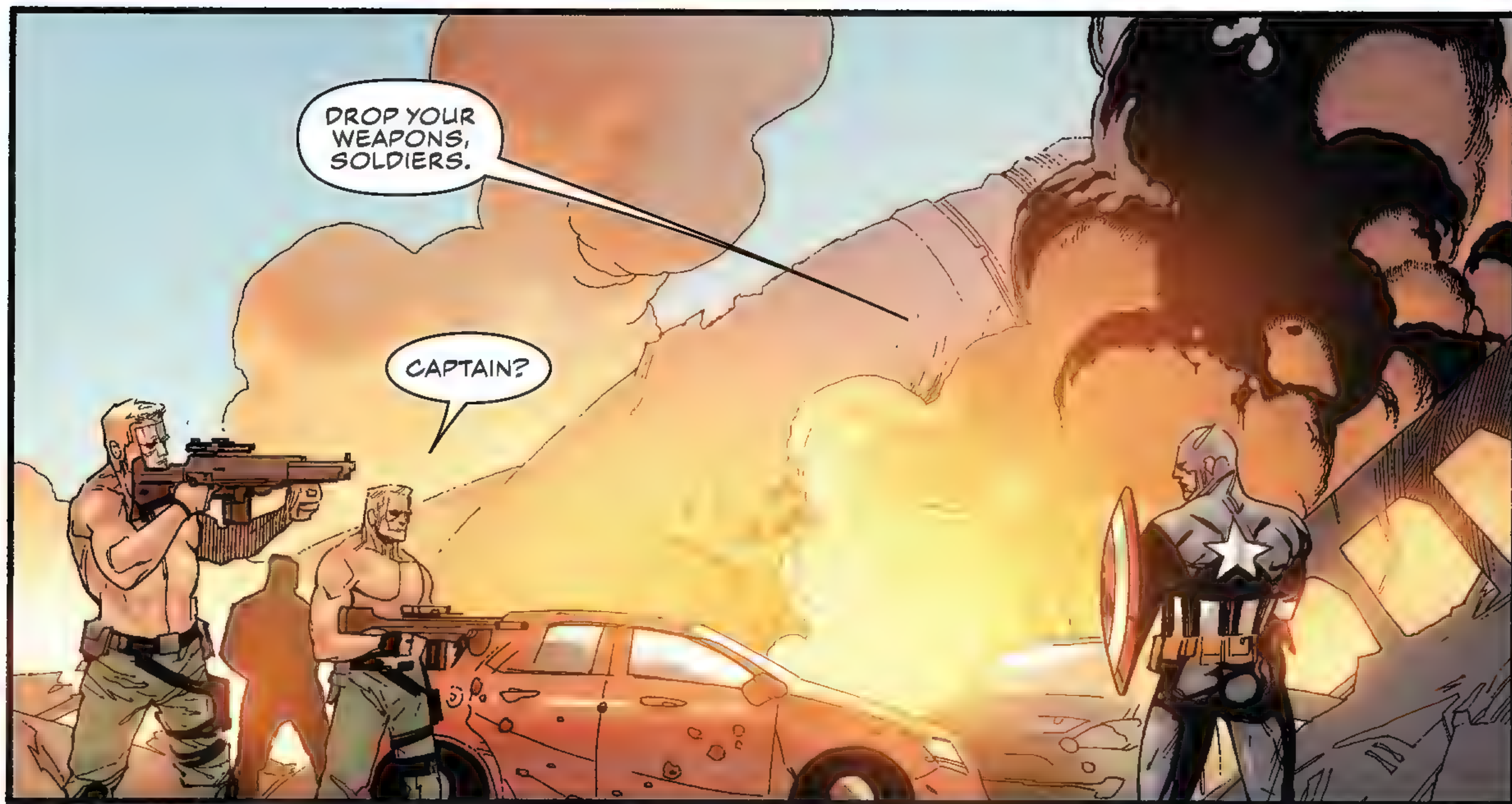
DADDY!

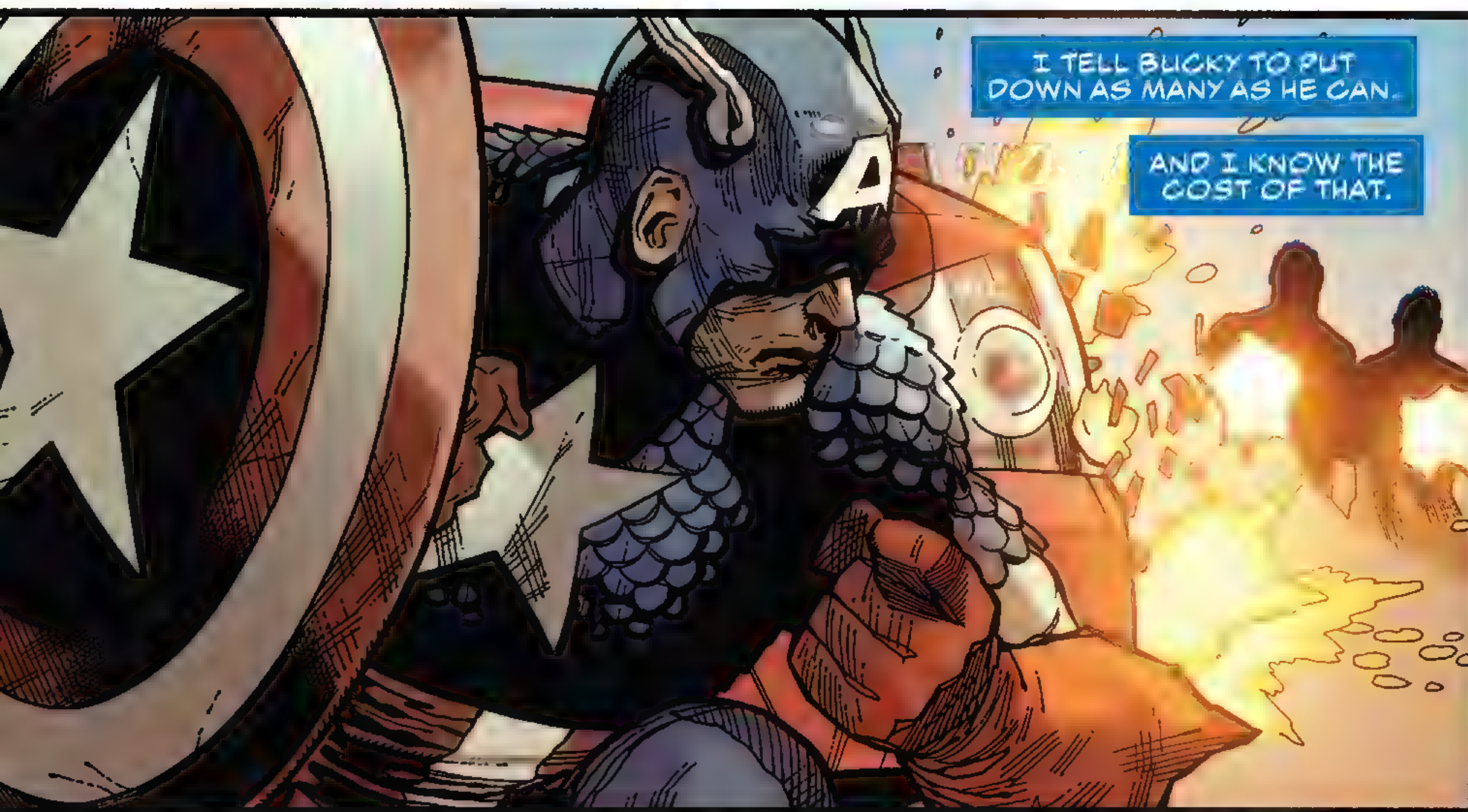
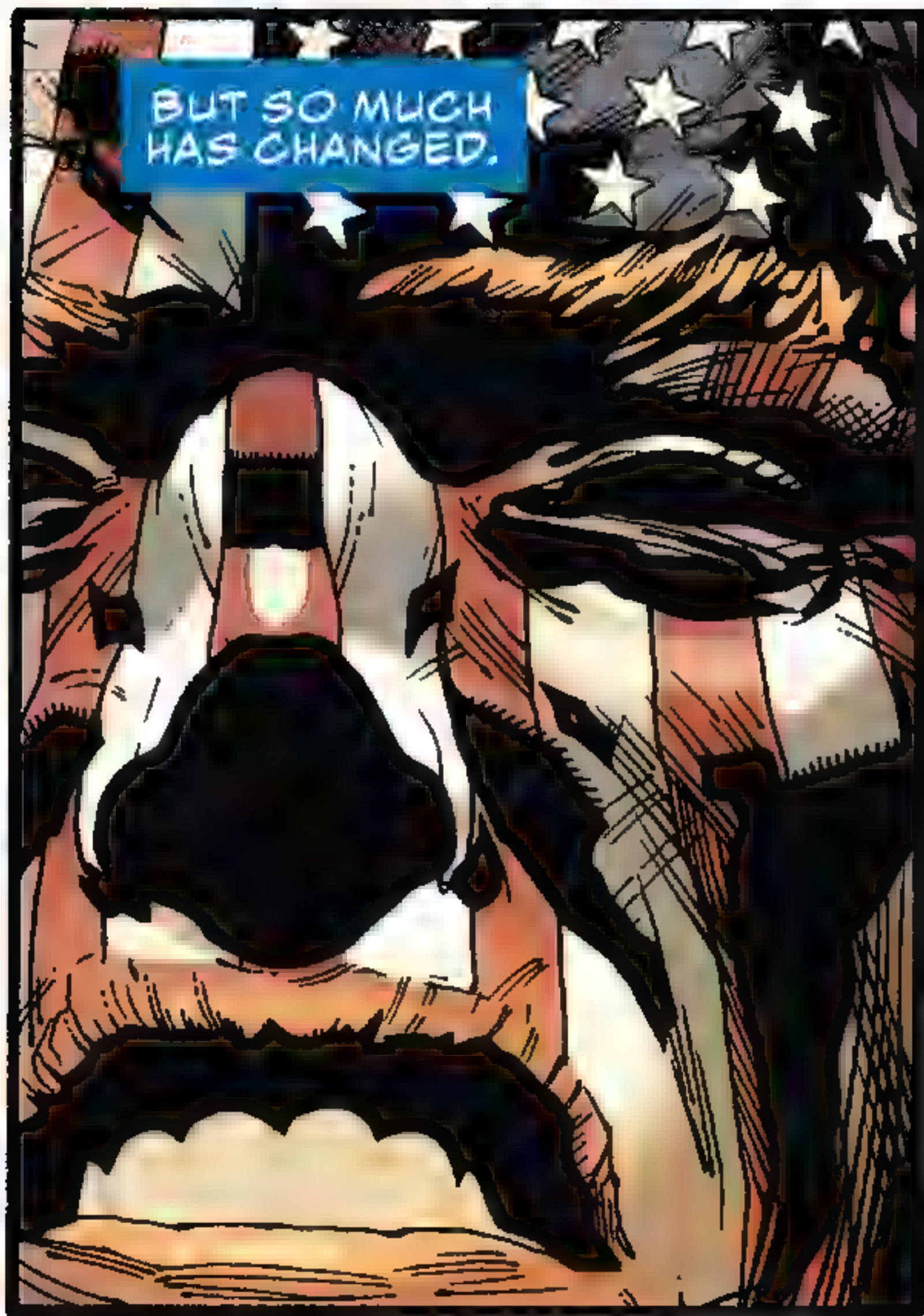
NEVER
FORGET!
OUR
BOYS!

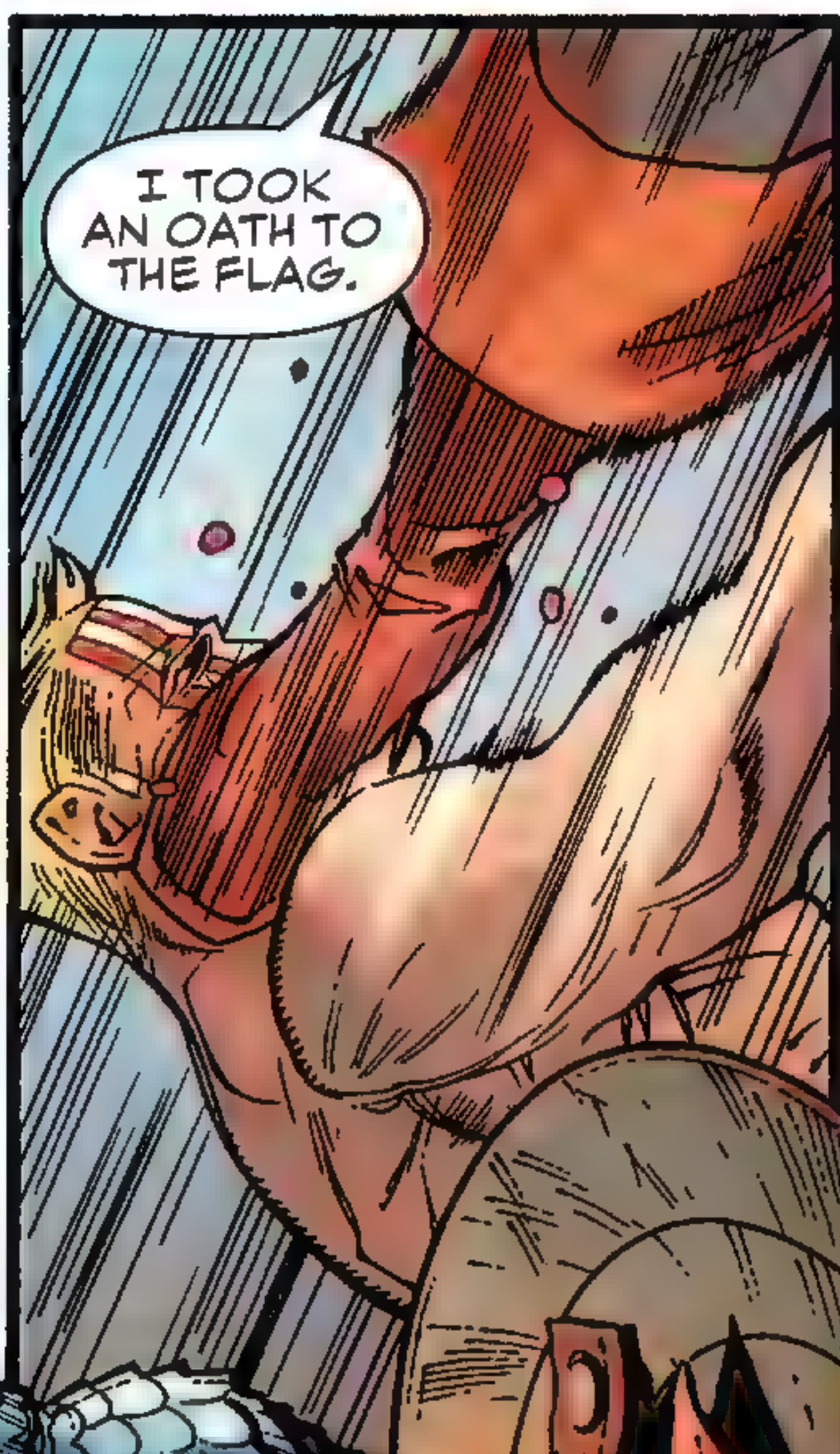
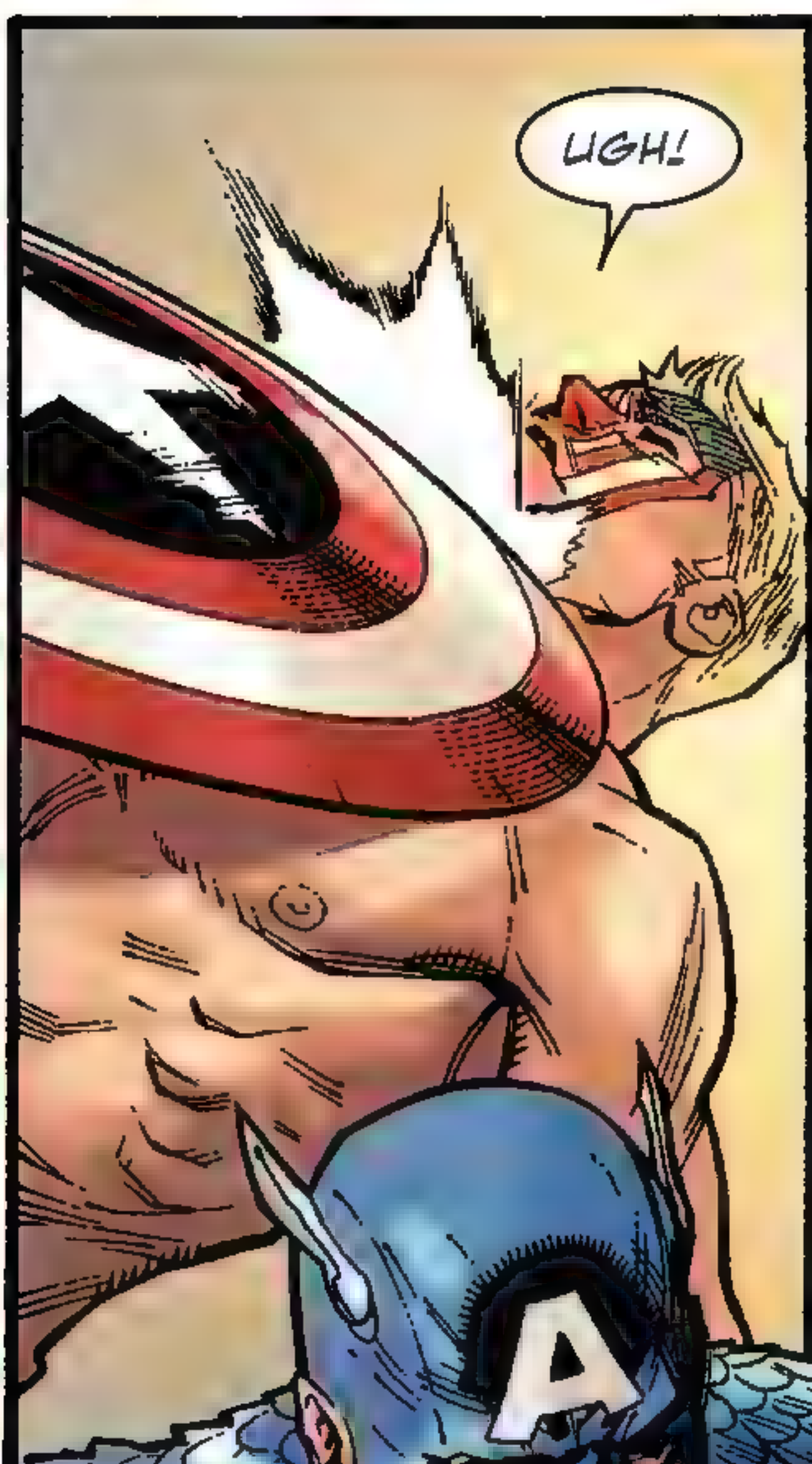


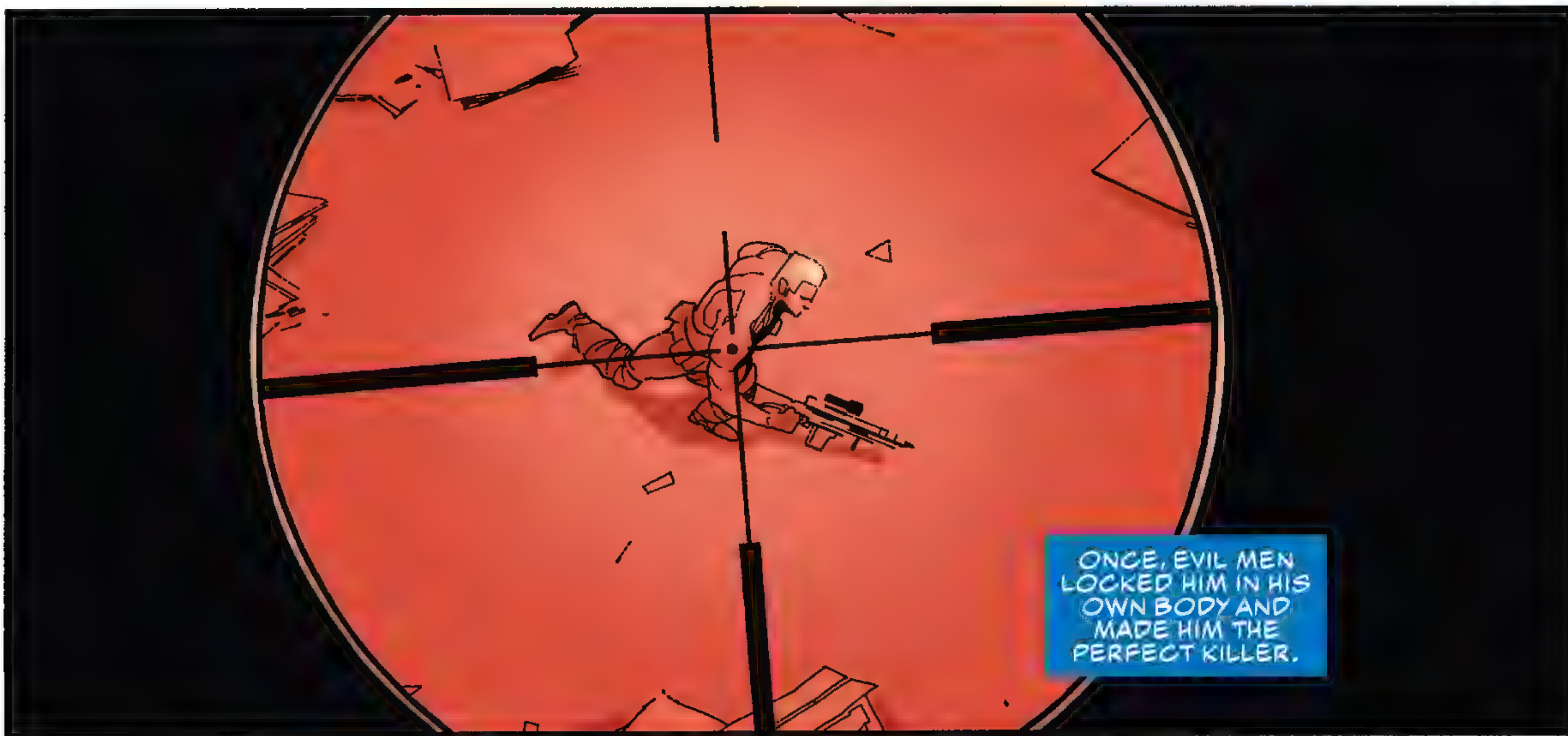
...EXCEPT
THE DREAM.

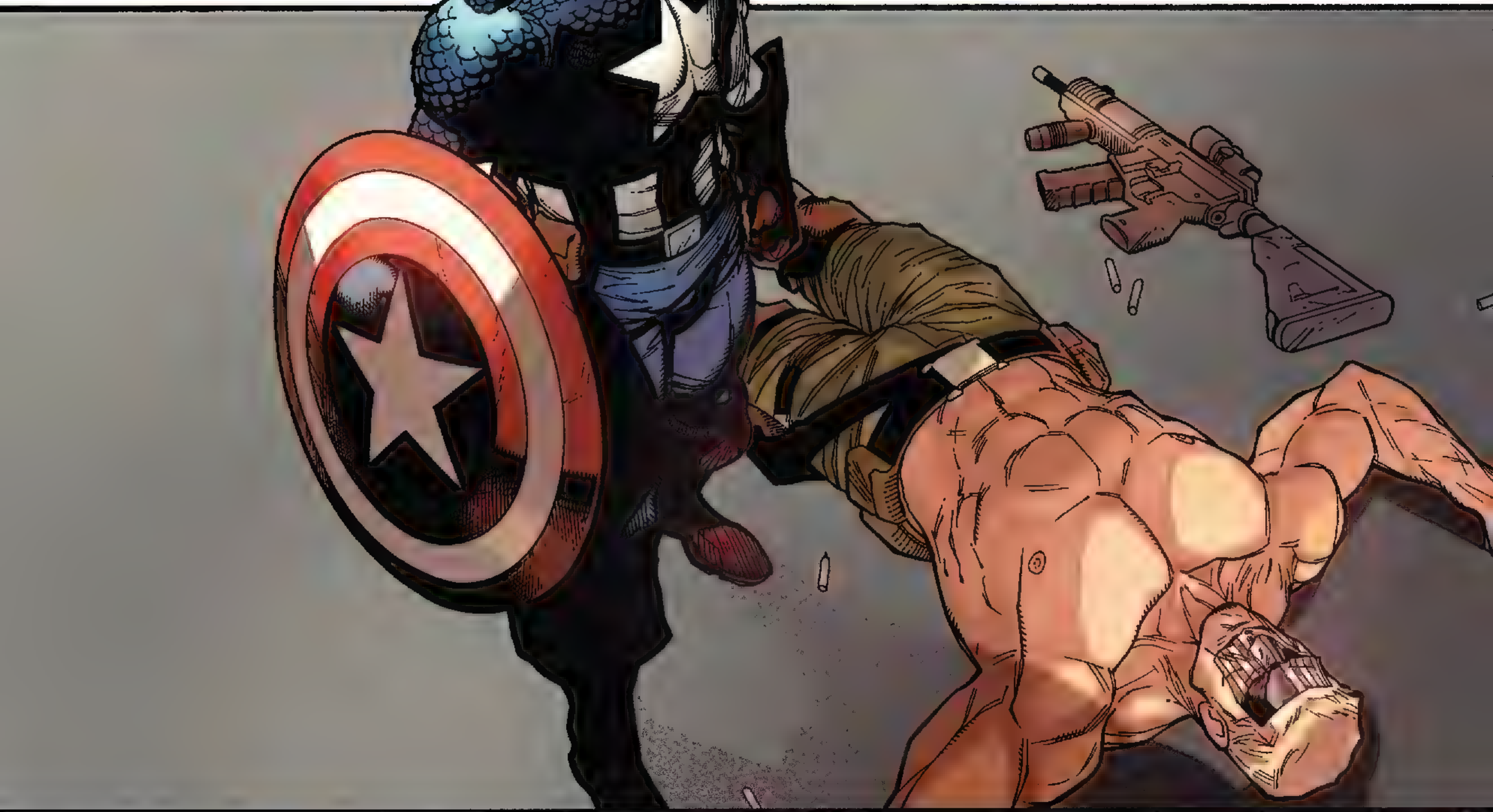
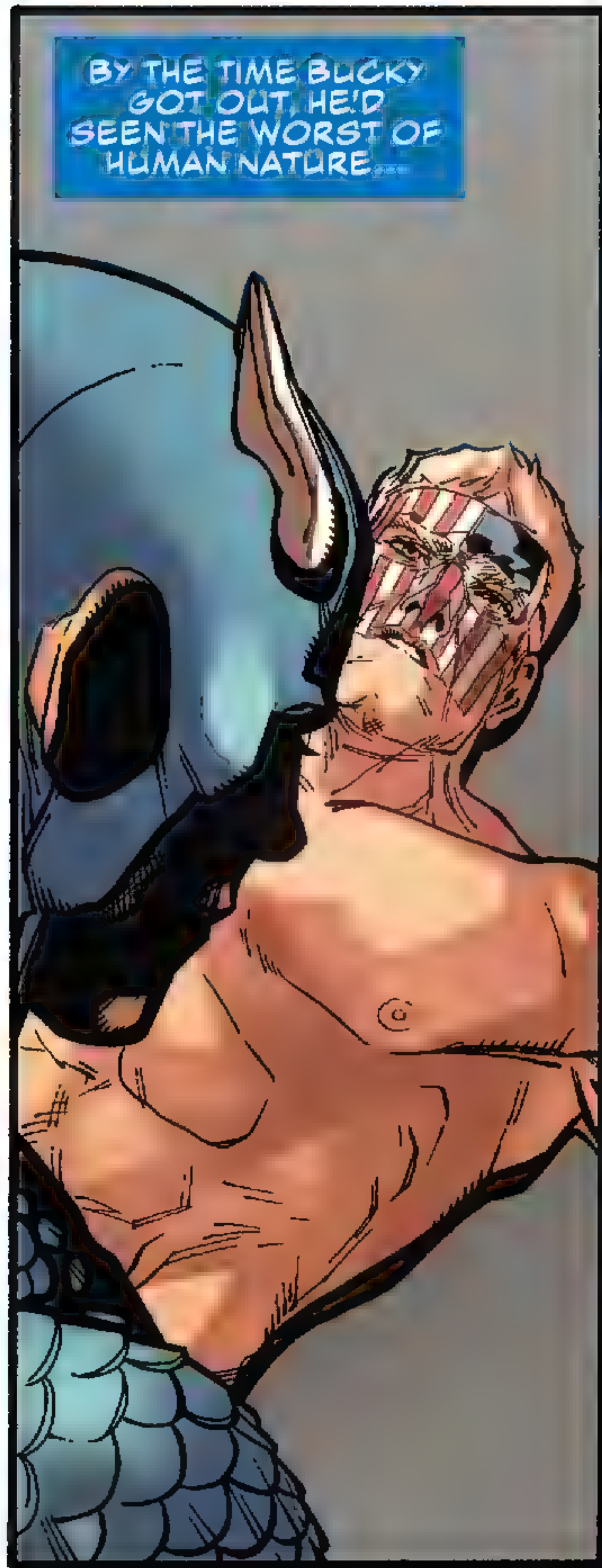


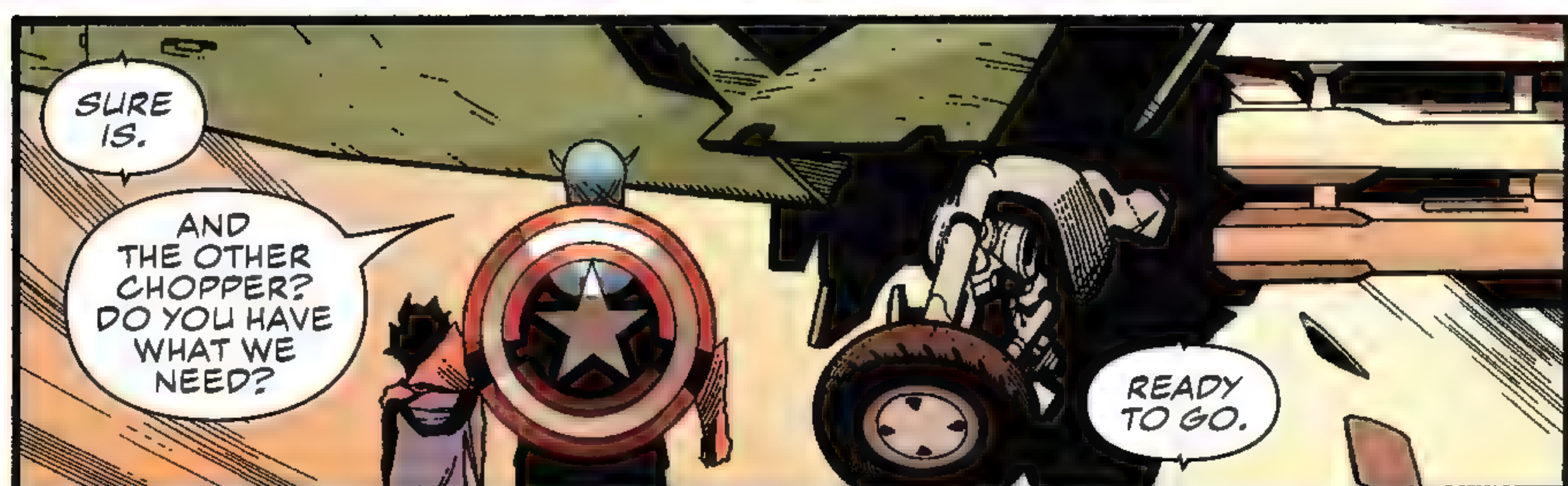
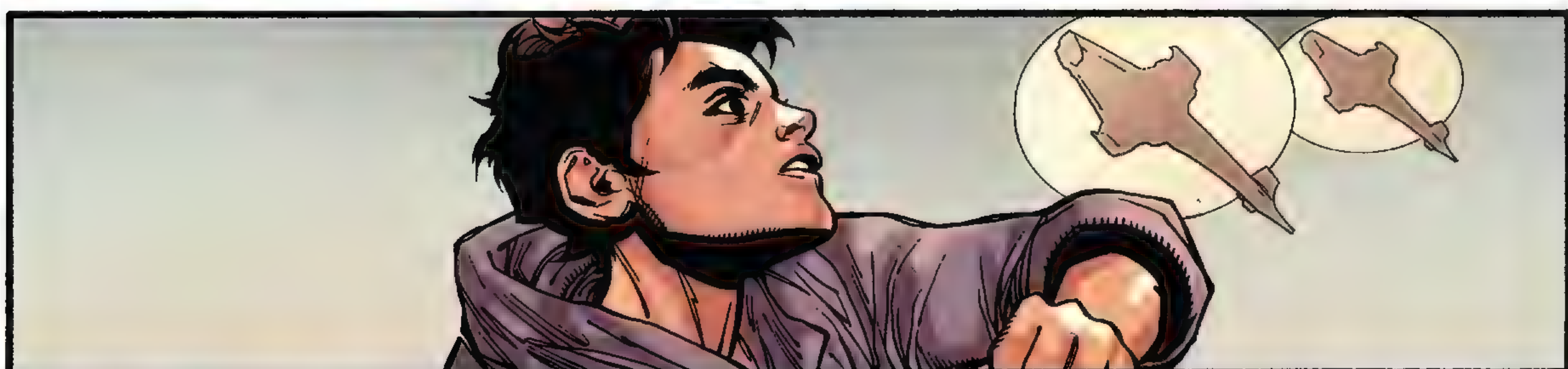
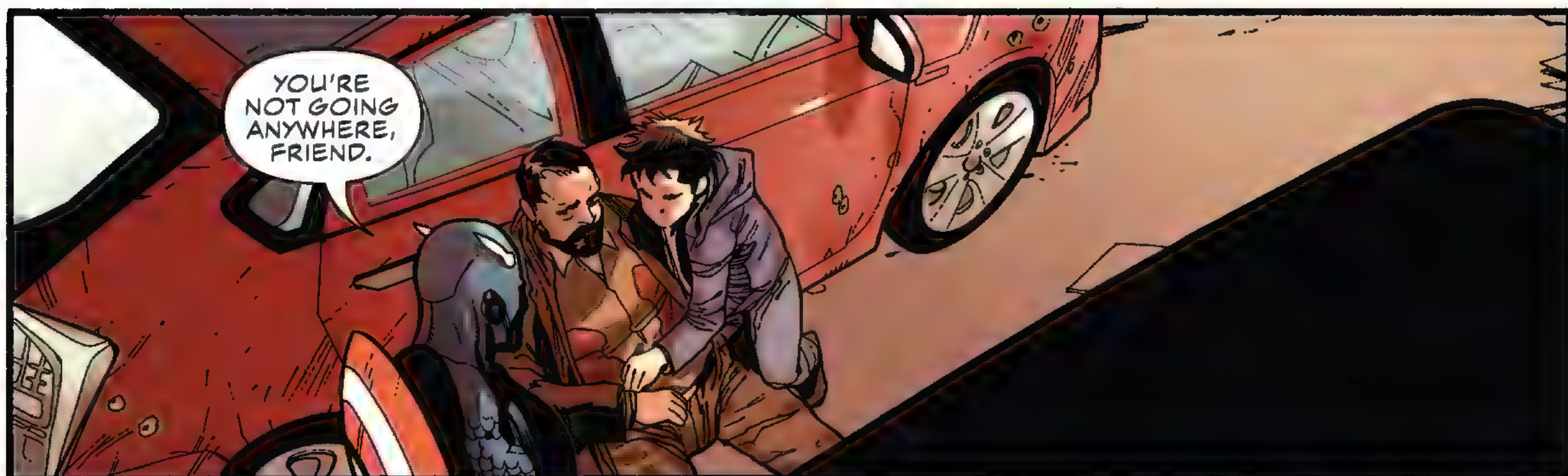


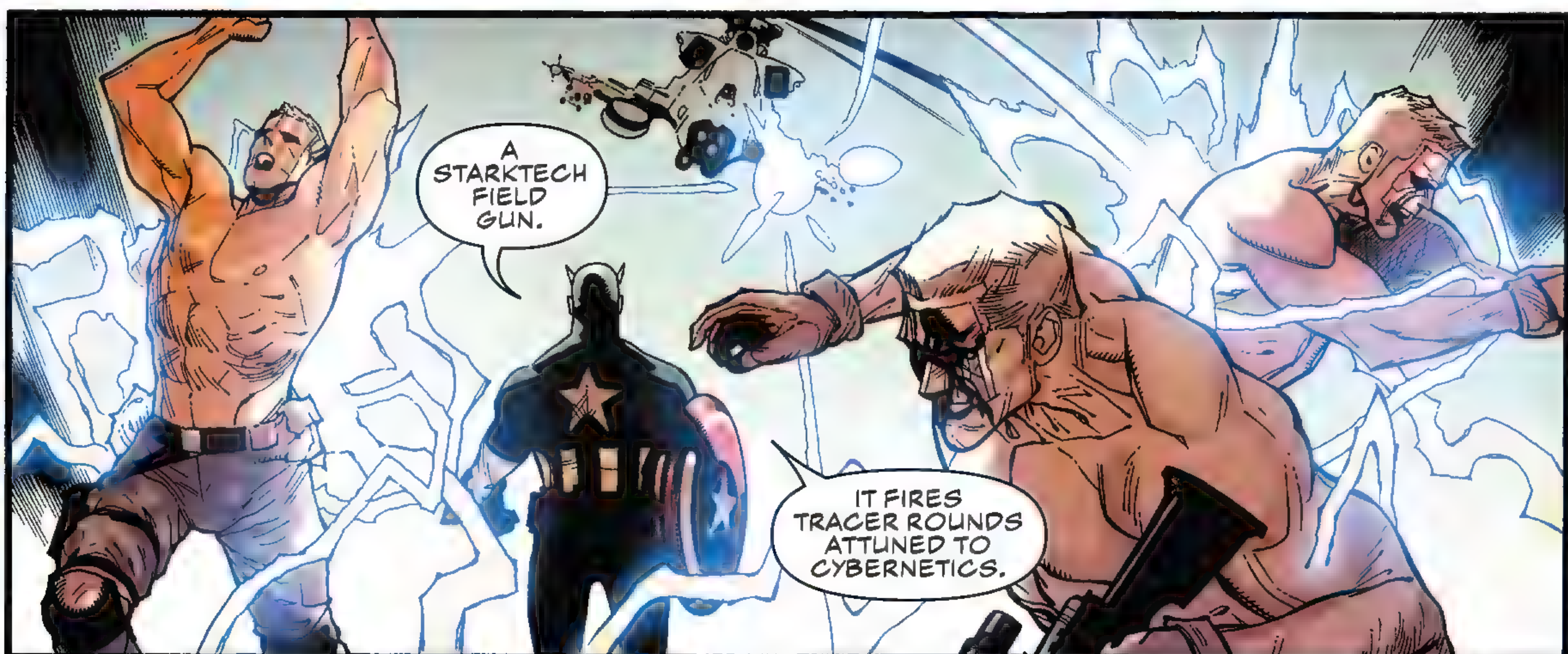
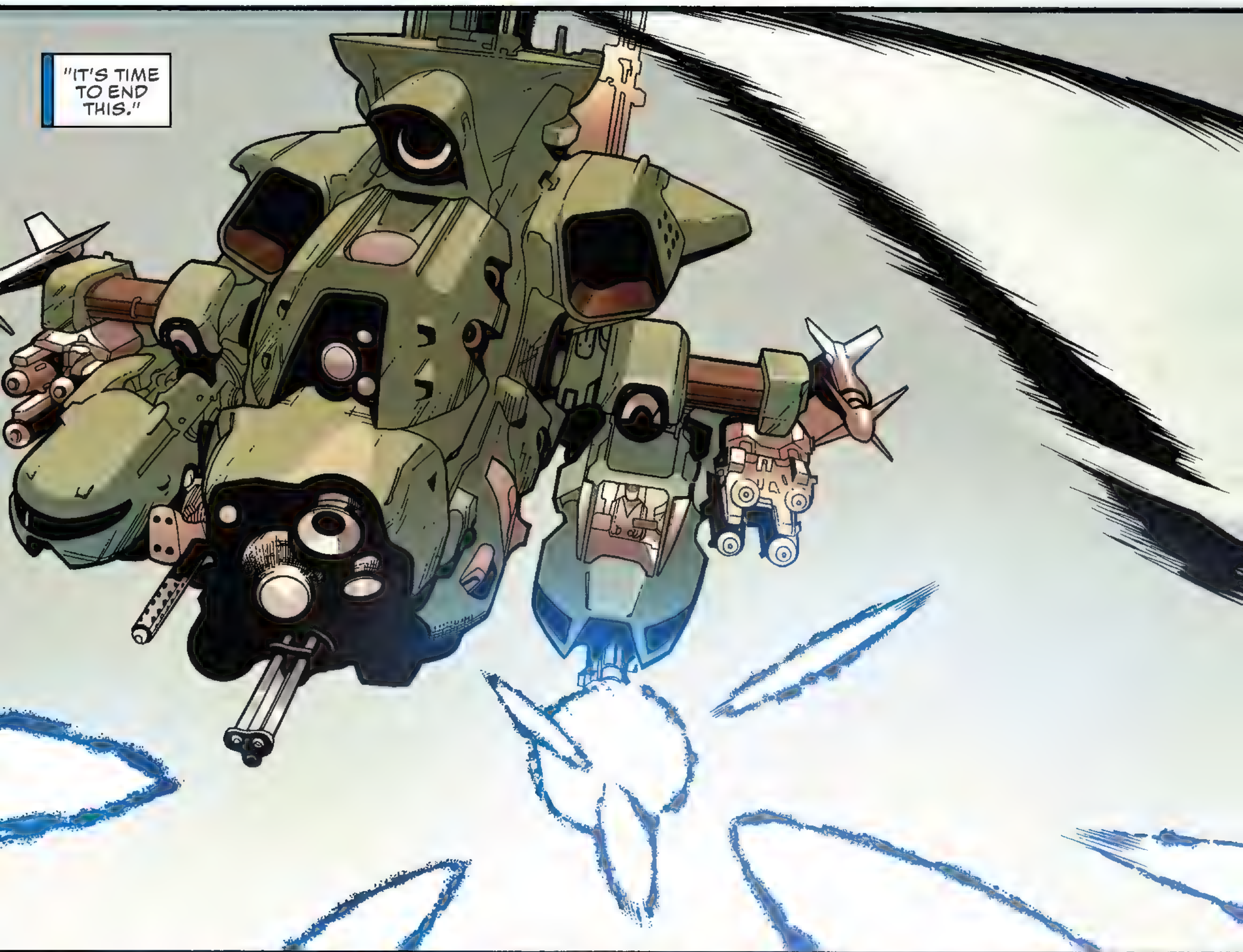






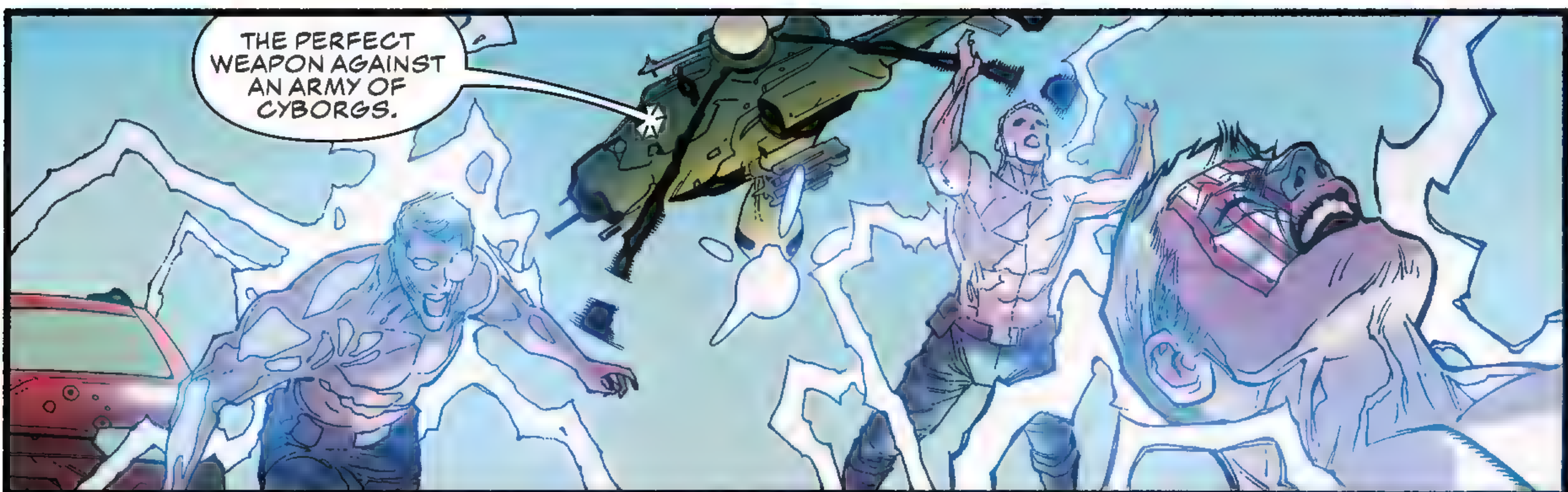








"ON IMPACT,
THEY SET OFF A
MICRO-E.M.P."



THE PERFECT
WEAPON AGAINST
AN ARMY OF
CYBORGS.

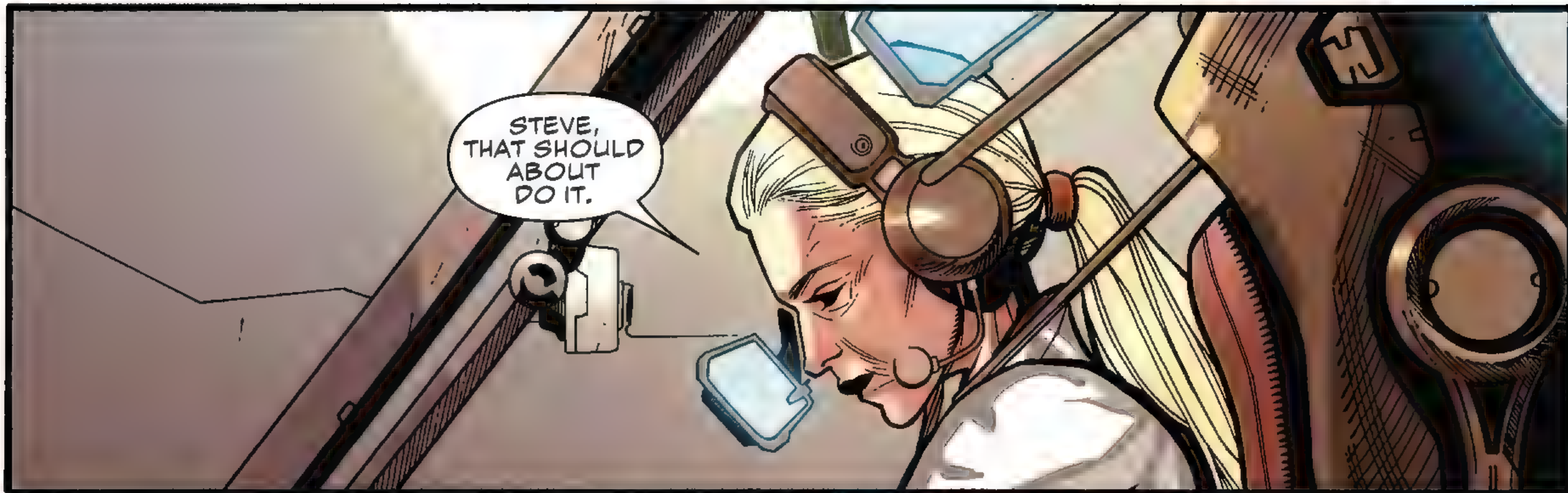


OR A
SINGLE
CYBORG
LIKE ME.

I
WARNED
YOU.

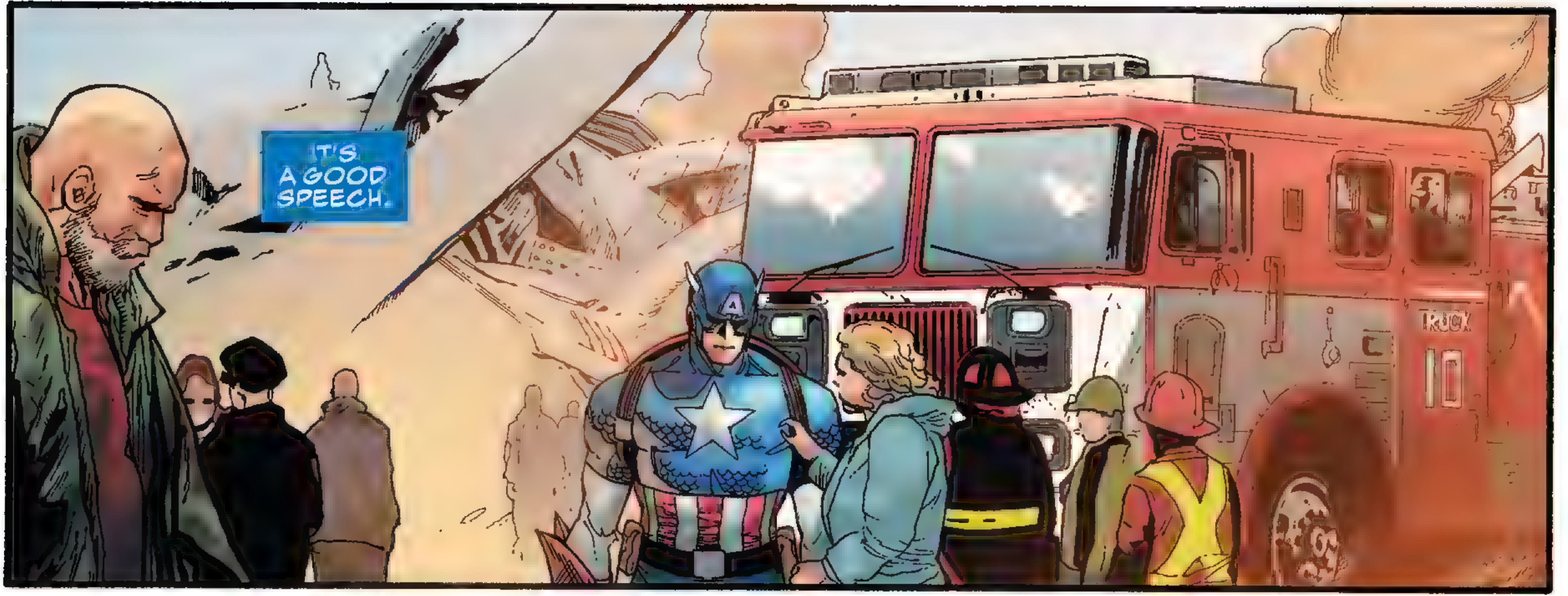


AND IT'S A
DAMN GOOD
THING YOU
DID...

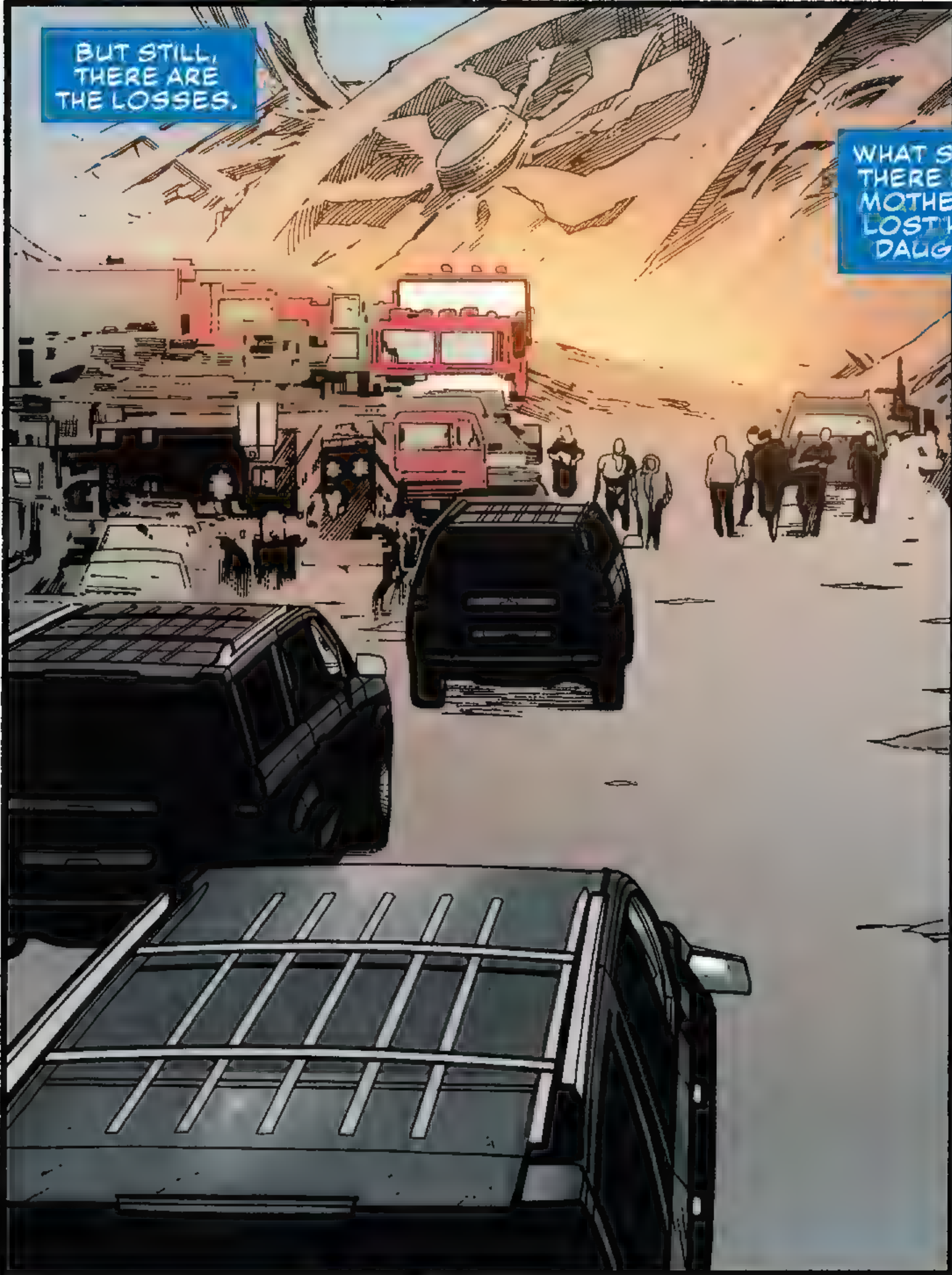


"FOR YOUR COUNTRY..."

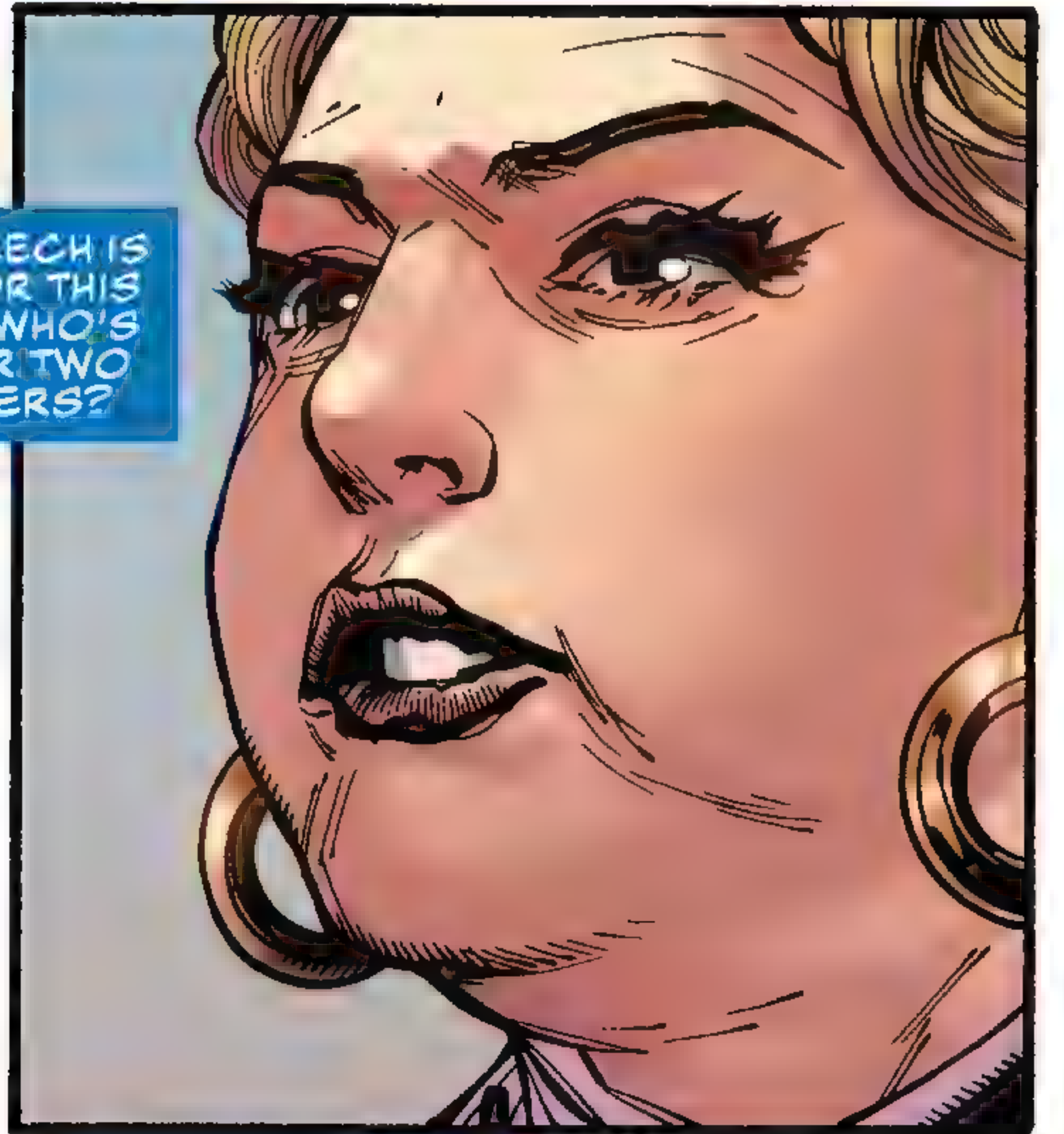




IT'S
A GOOD
SPEECH.



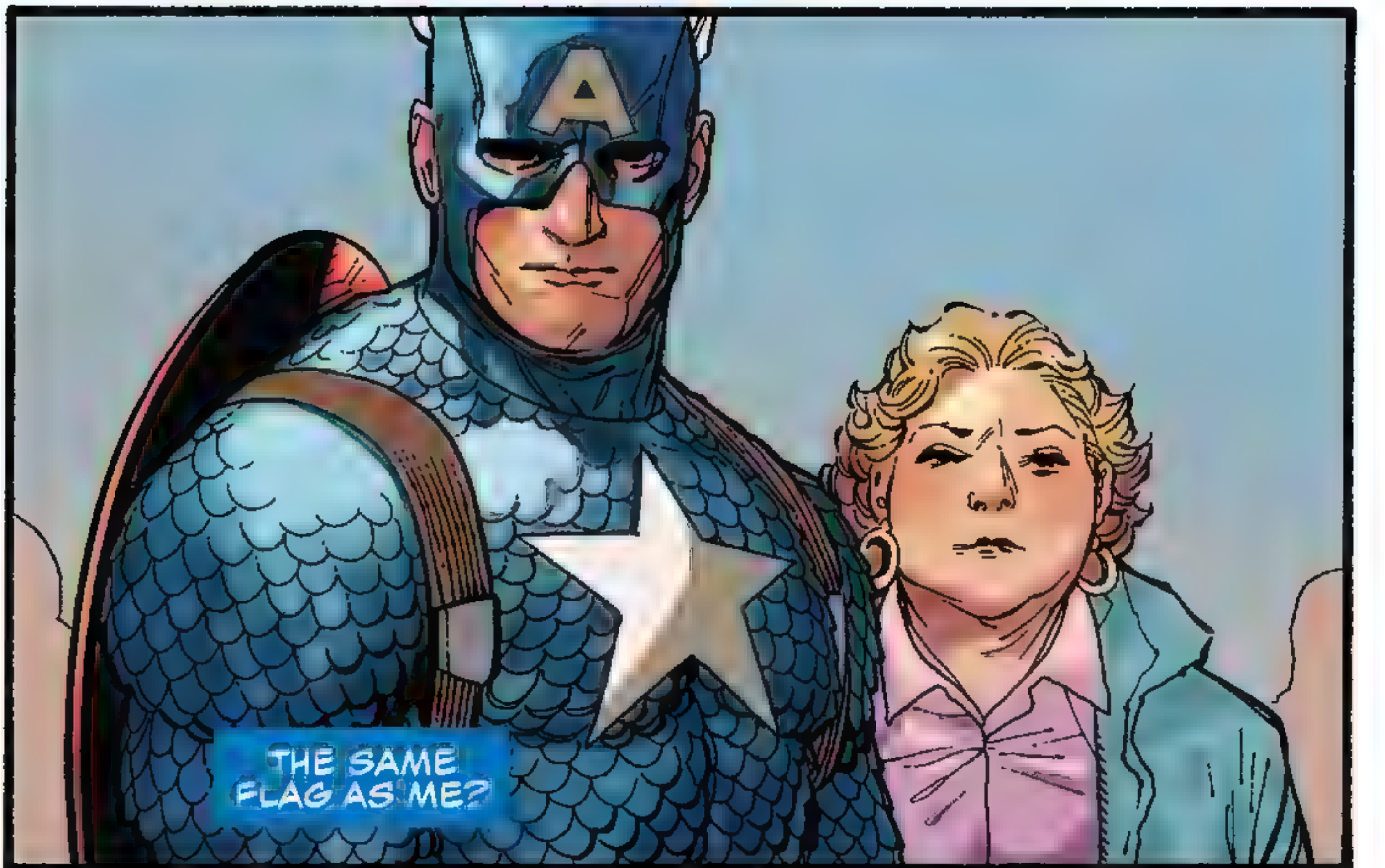
WHAT SPEECH IS
THERE FOR THIS
MOTHER WHO'S
LOST HER TWO
DAUGHTERS?



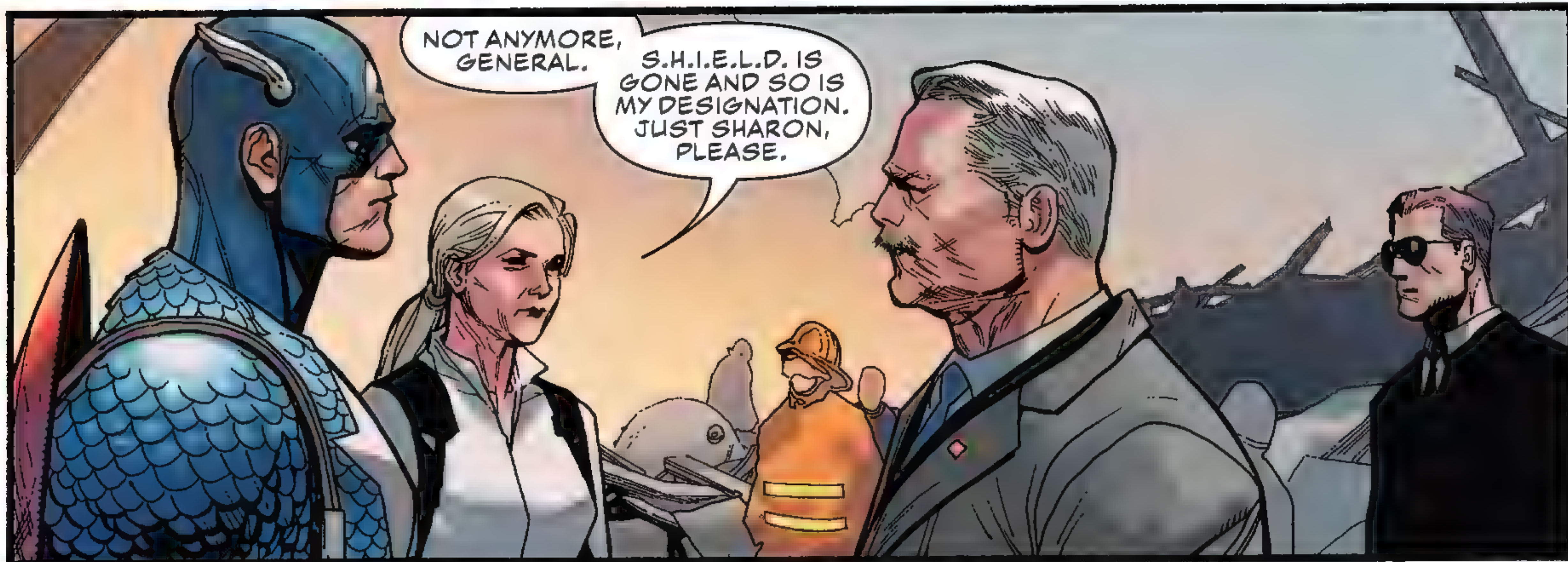
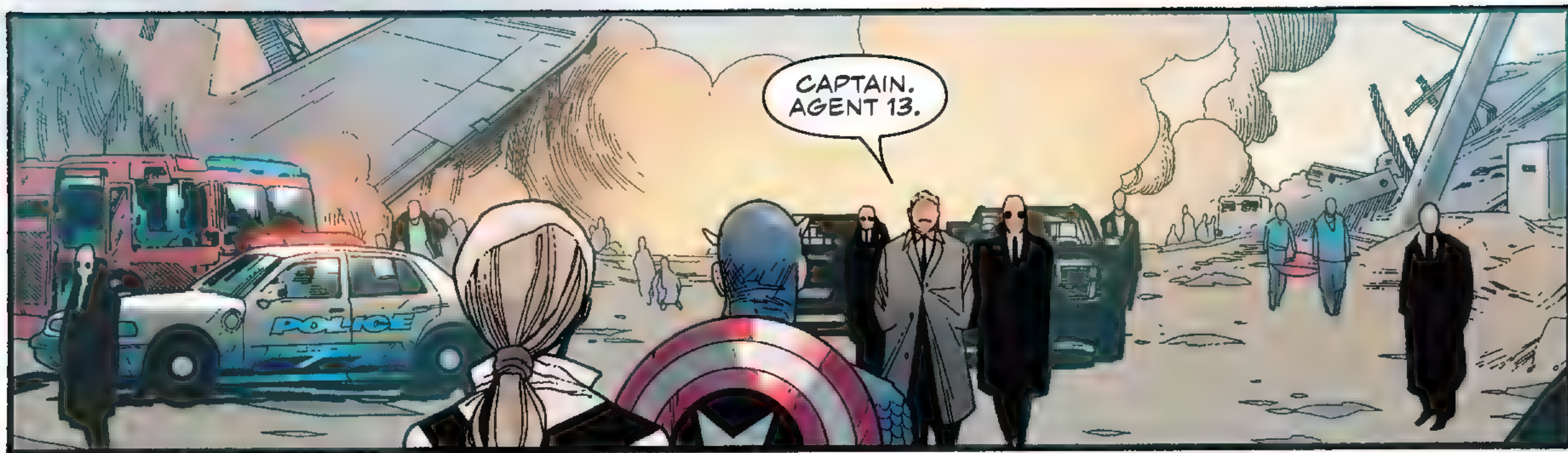
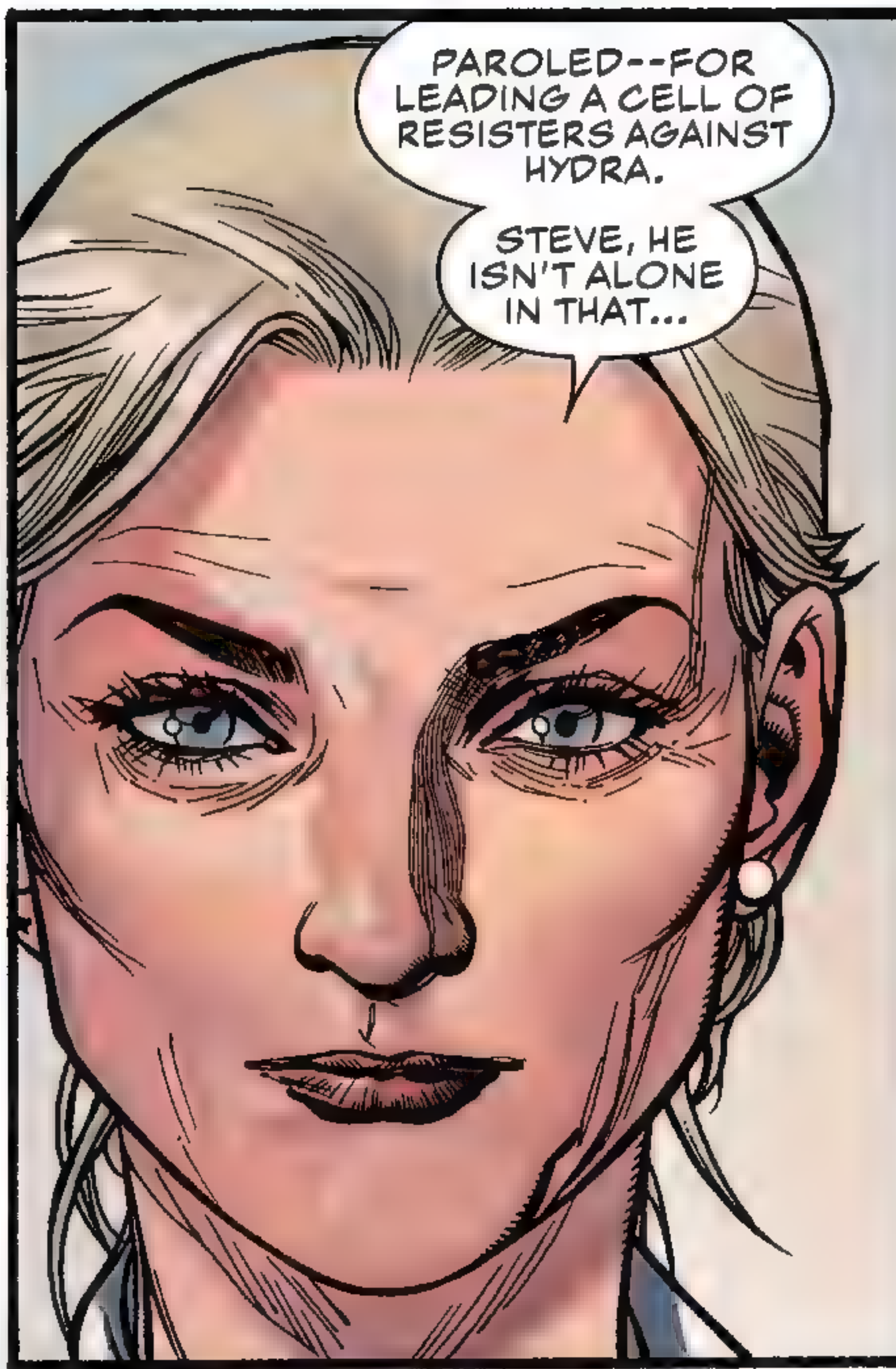
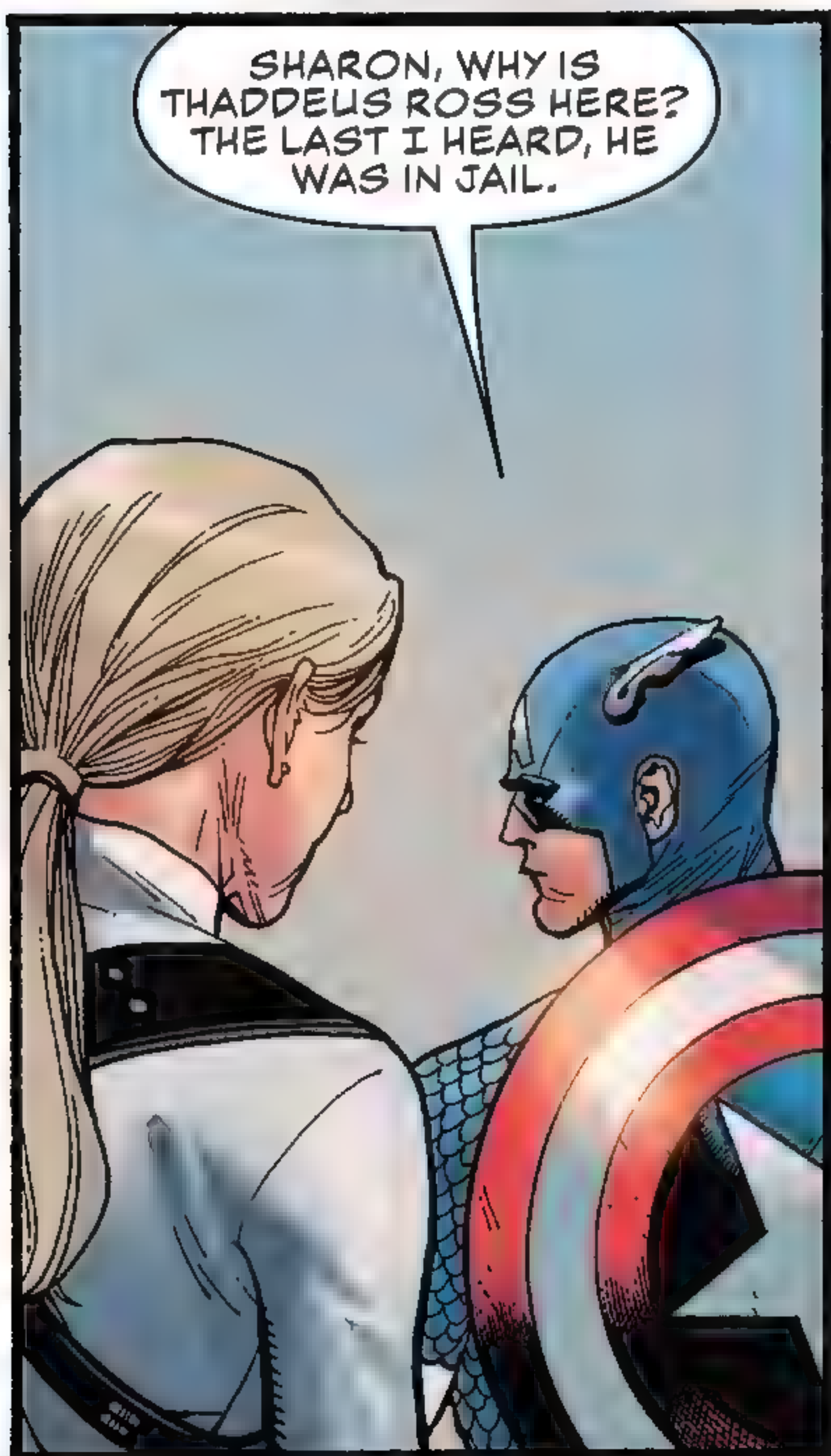
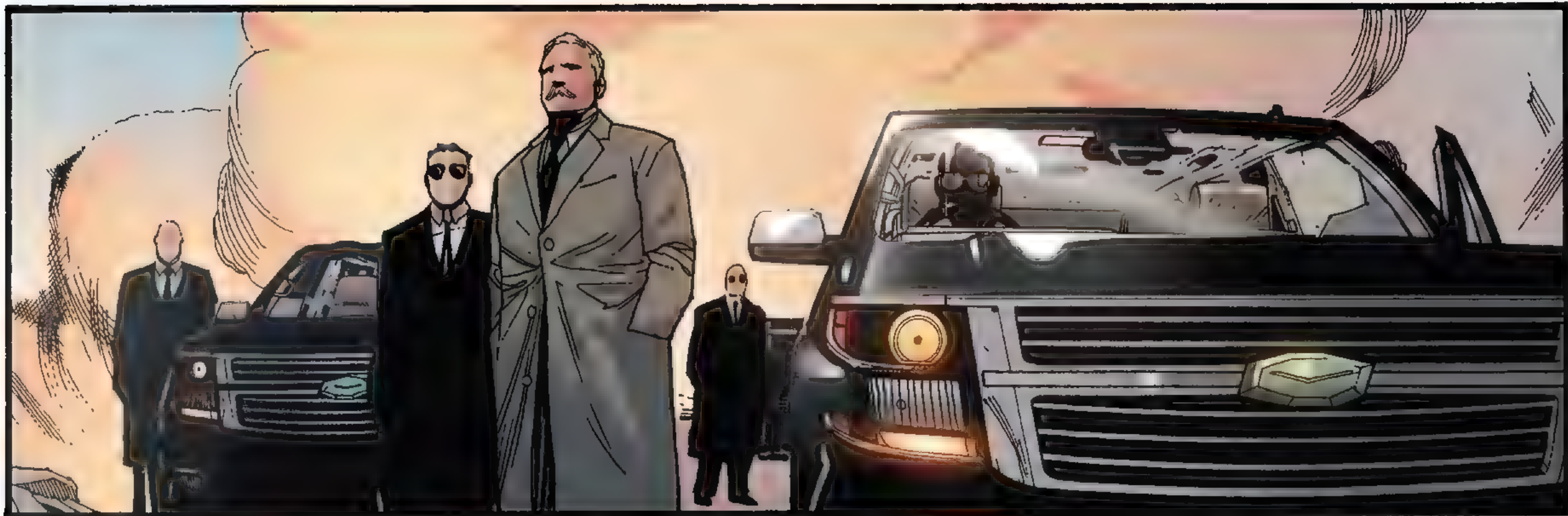
WHAT WORDS CAN
EXPLAIN HOW OUR
GOVERNMENT
ALLOWED THIS?

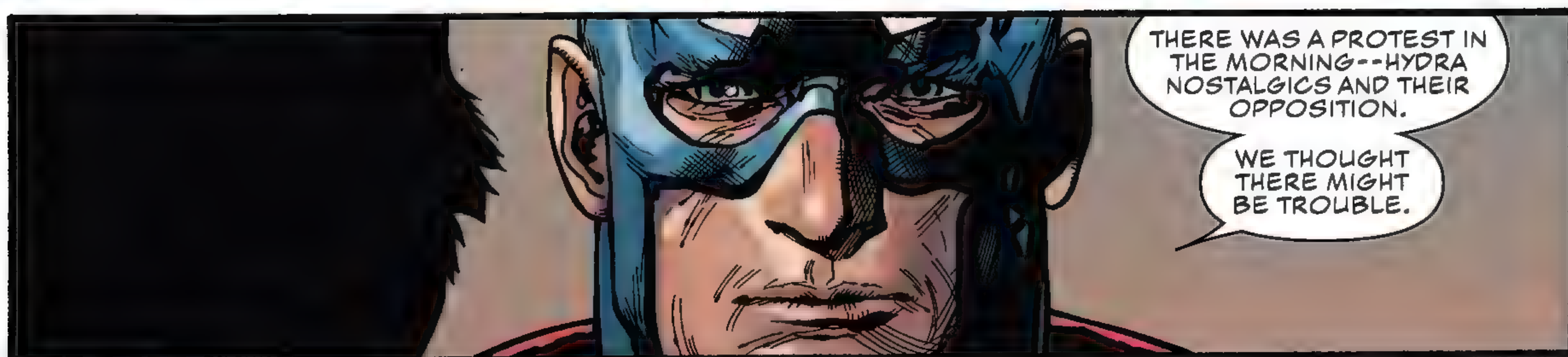
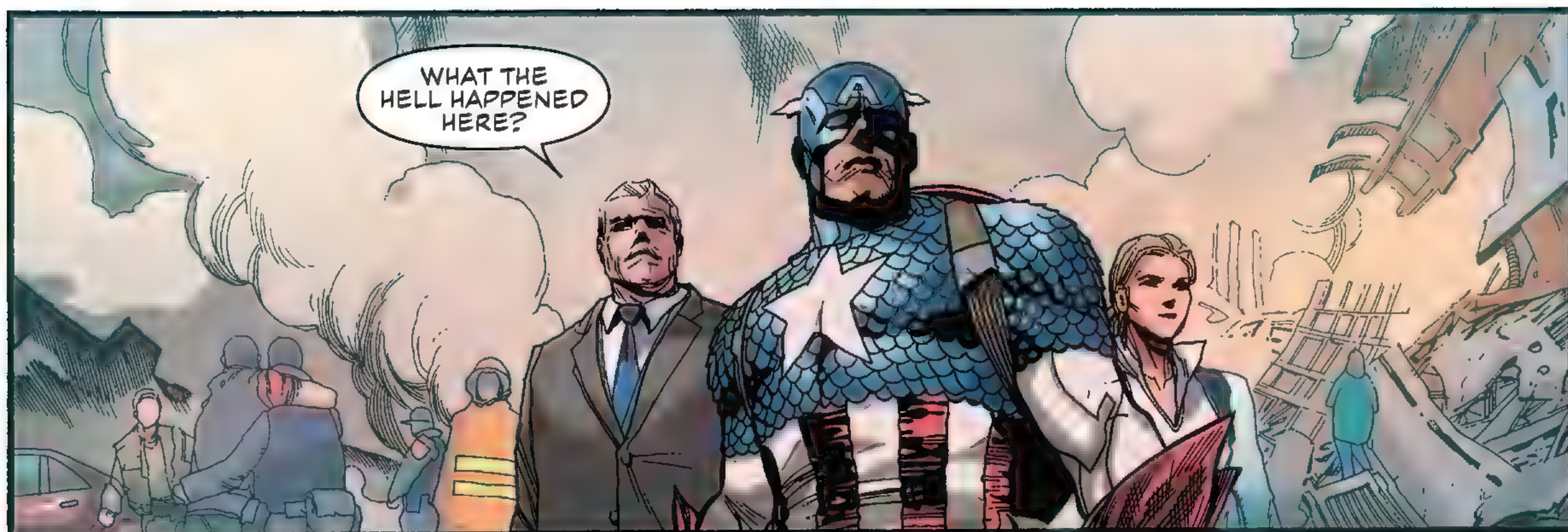
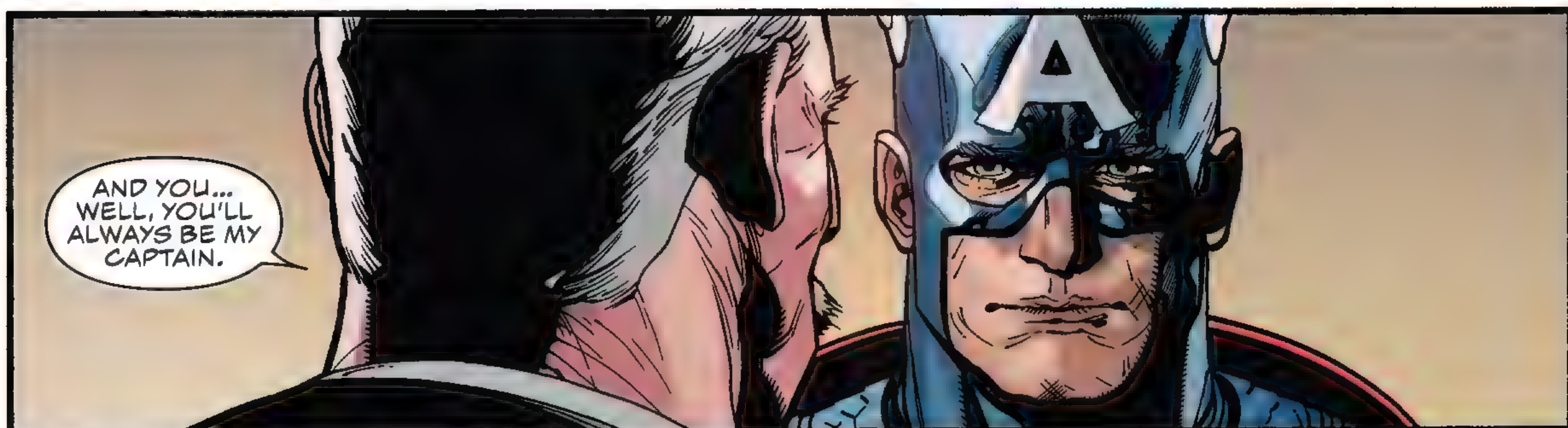
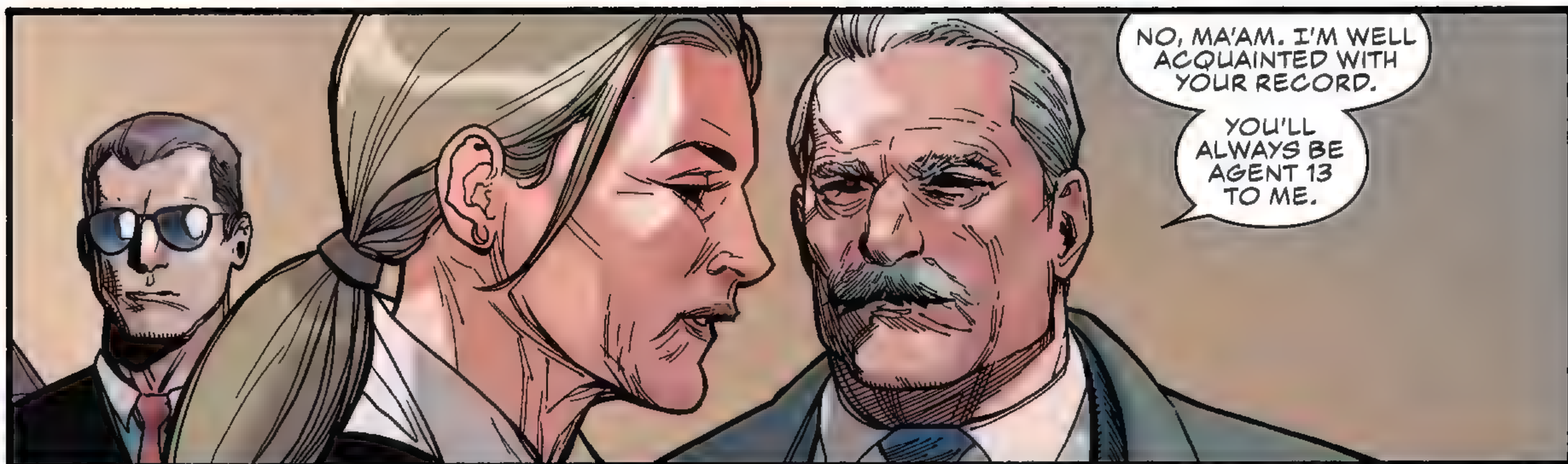


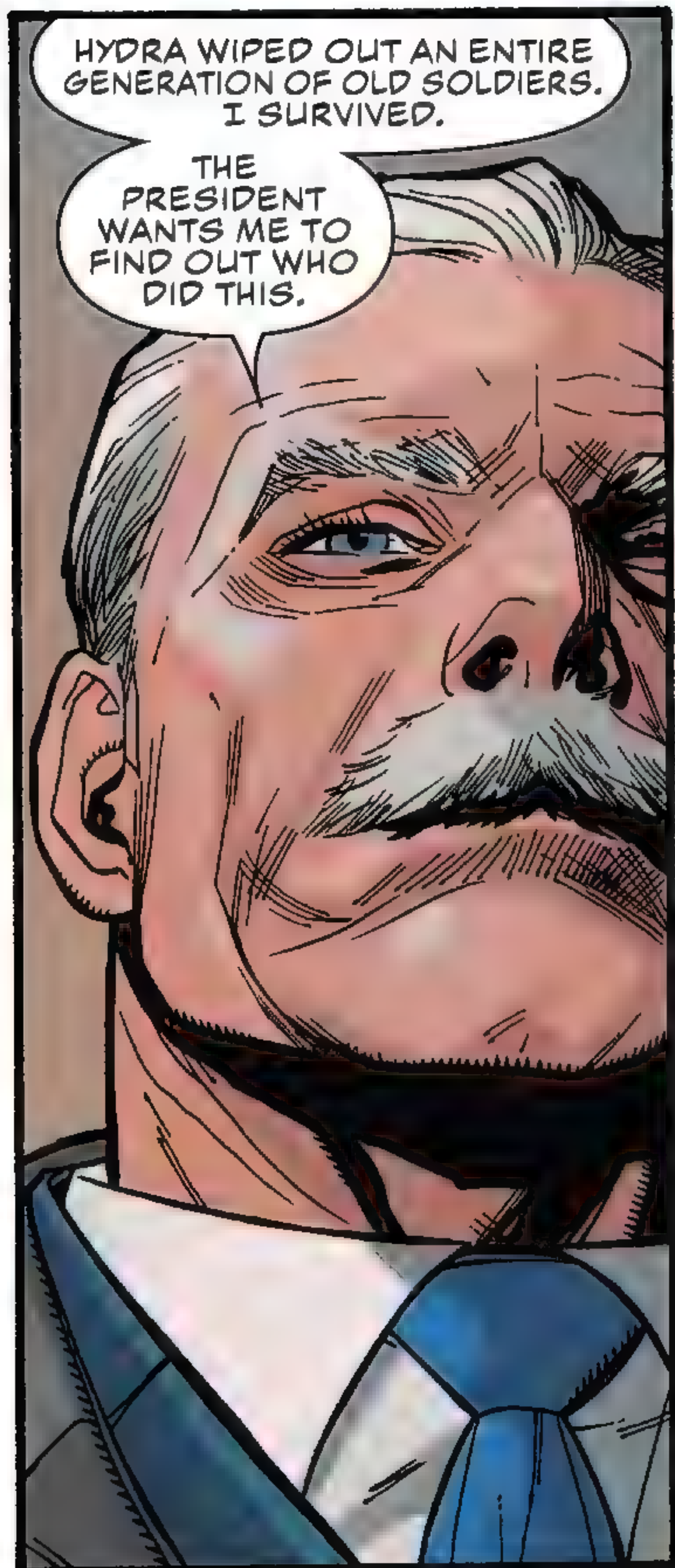
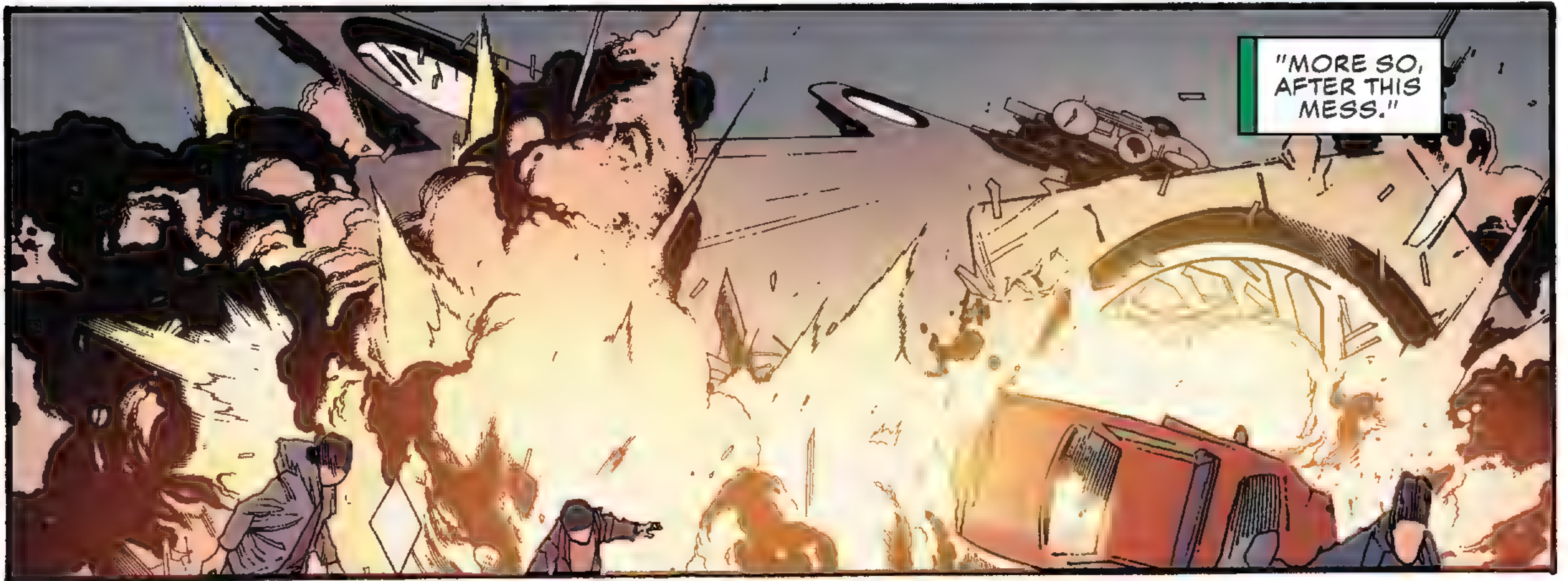
HOW THE KILLERS
BEAR THE FLAG
OF THAT
GOVERNMENT?



THE SAME
FLAG AS ME?









GENERAL,
I REALLY THINK
I COULD...

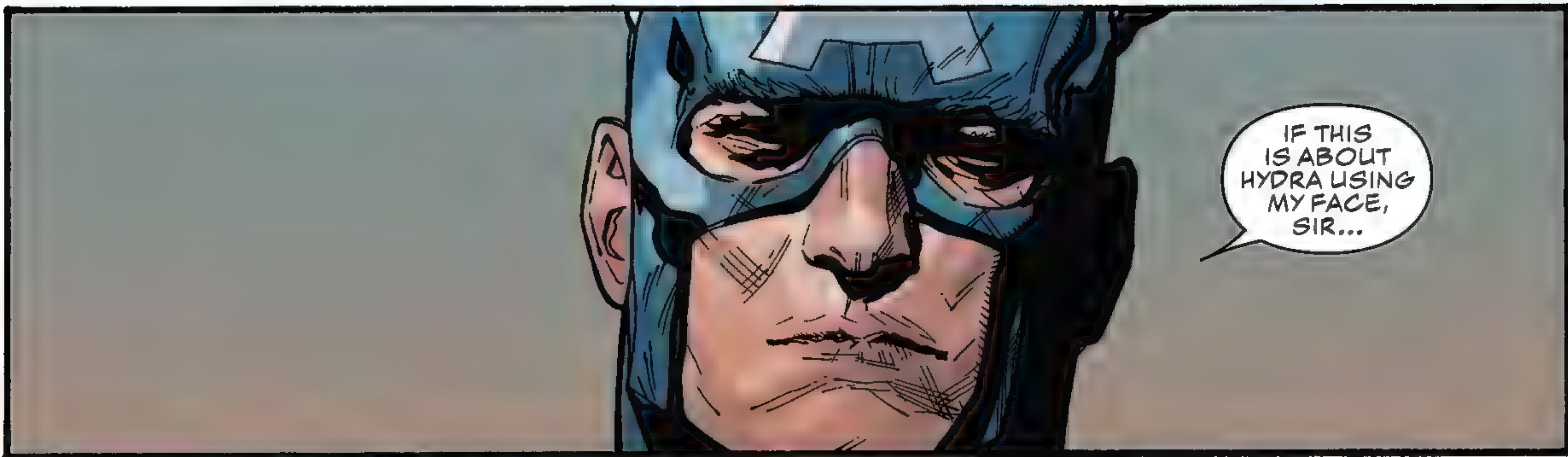


CAPTAIN...
CAPTAIN AMERICA,
YOU'RE A DAMN
HERO.



AND I BET
YOU WERE JUST
AS MUCH A HERO
TODAY. BUT THIS
IS DIFFERENT.

WE NEED A
MORE DELICATE
APPROACH.



IF THIS
IS ABOUT
HYDRA USING
MY FACE,
SIR...



IT'S
NOT.

BUT WE'VE
GOT A GROUP OF
TERRORIST SUPER-
SOLDIERS WEARING
THE AMERICAN
FLAG.

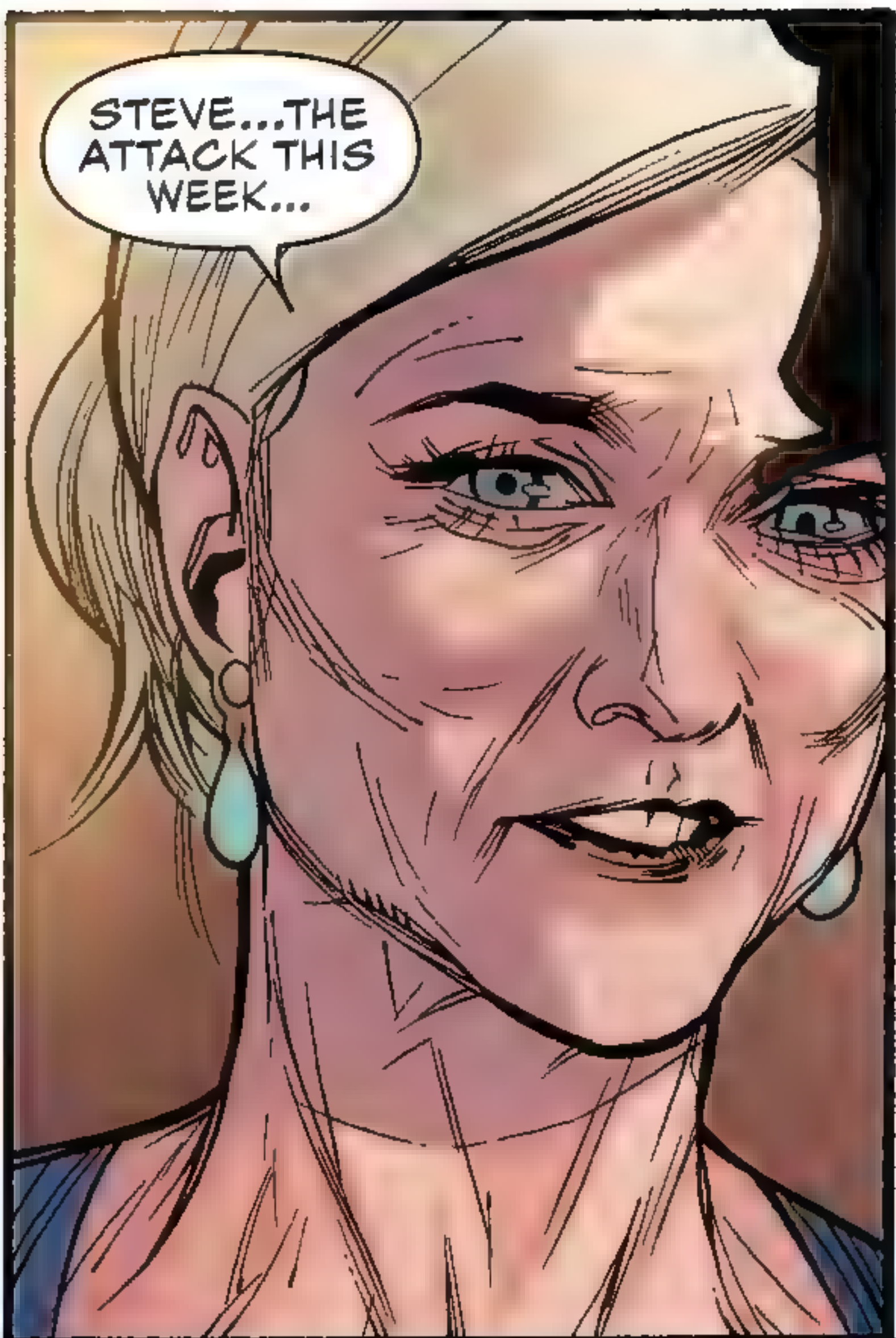
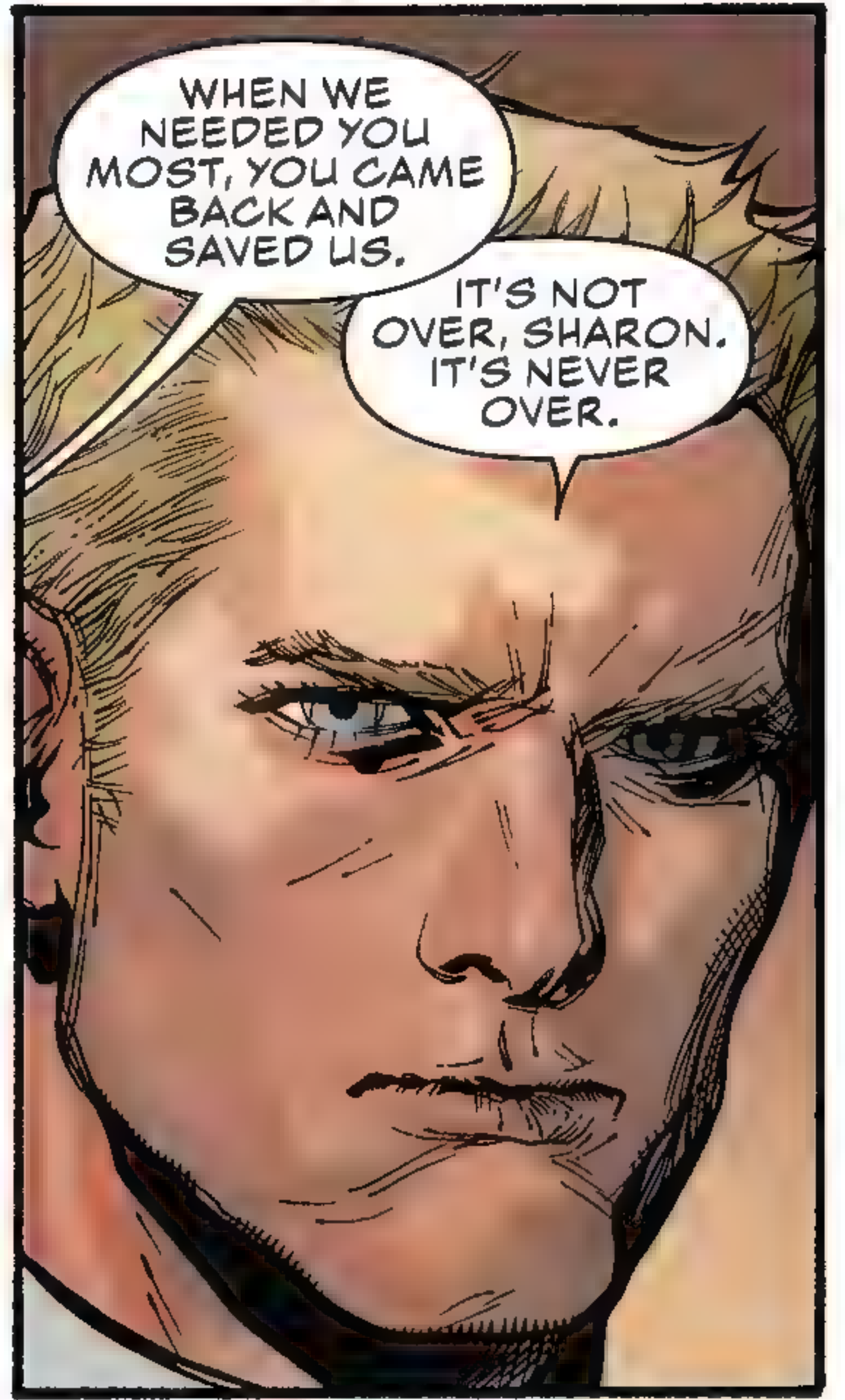
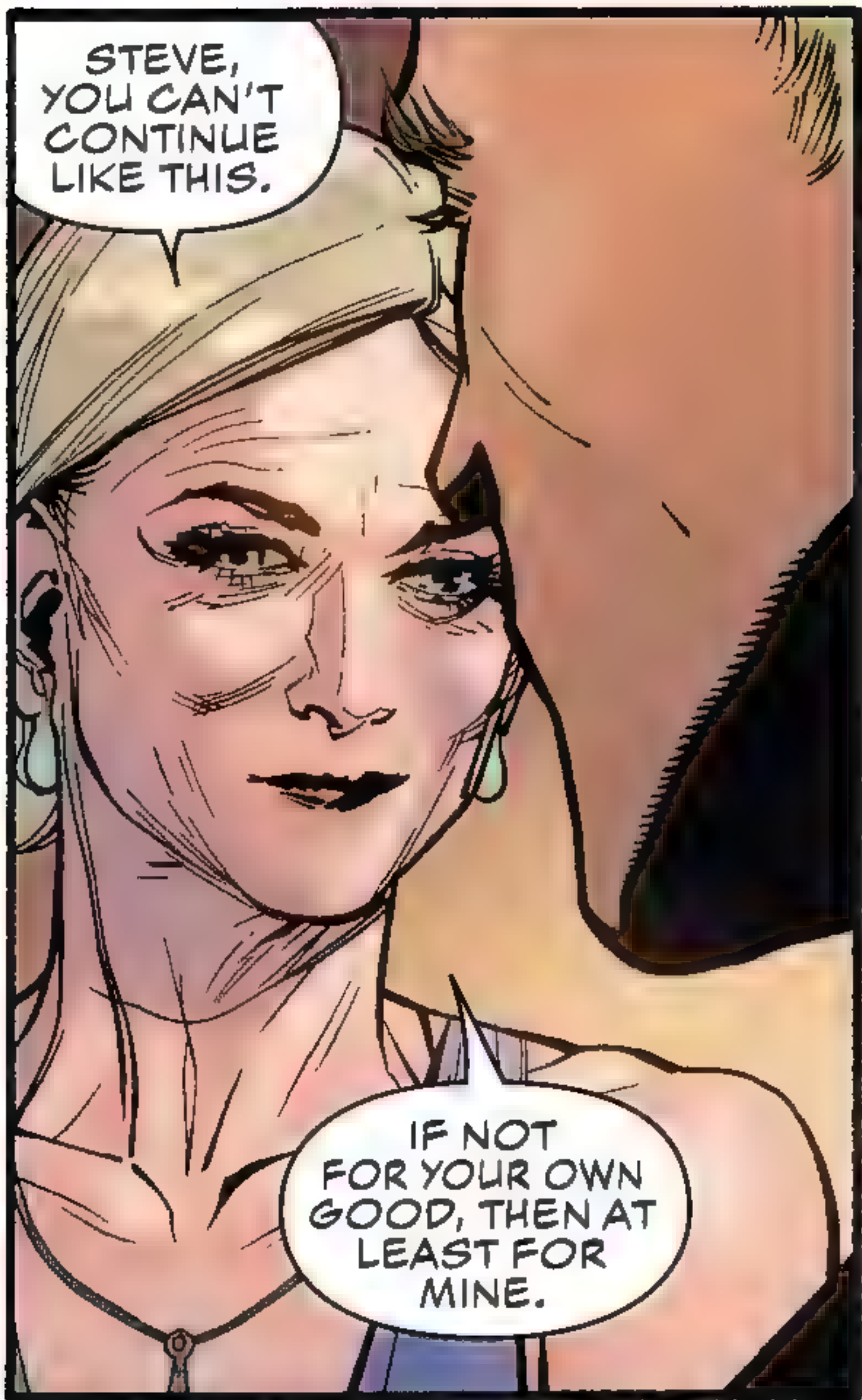
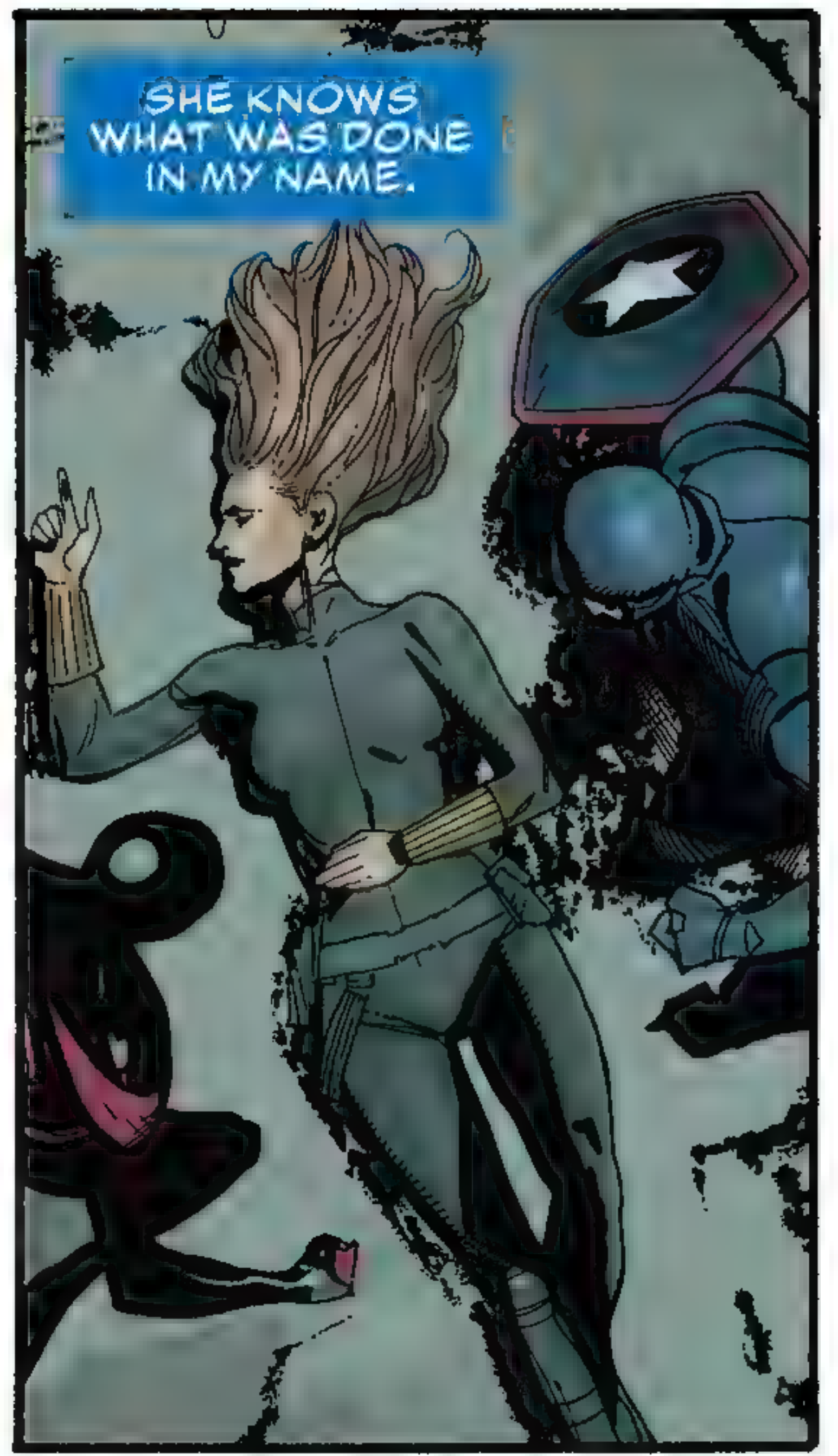


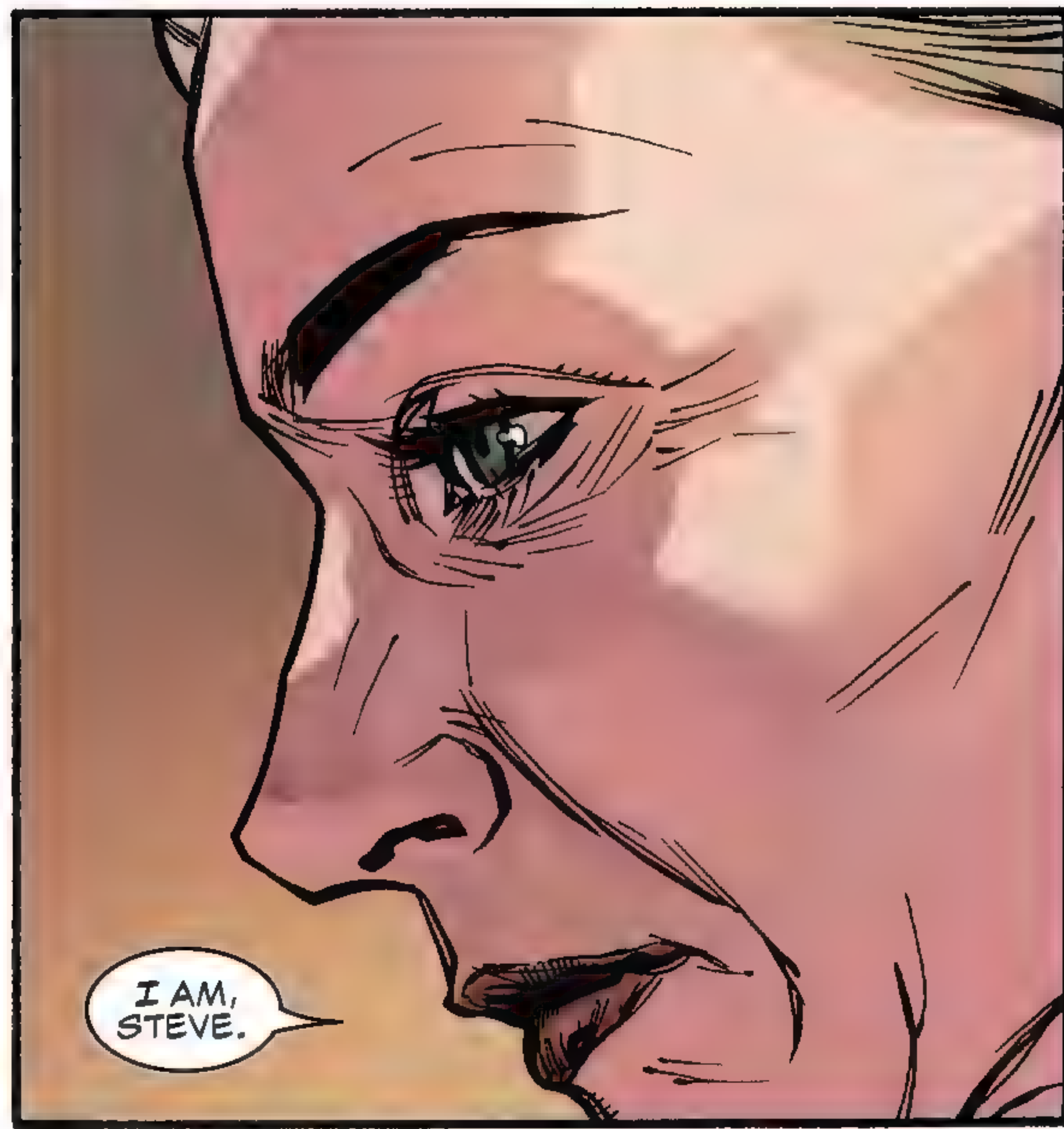
APPEARANCES,
SON. THEY
MATTER.

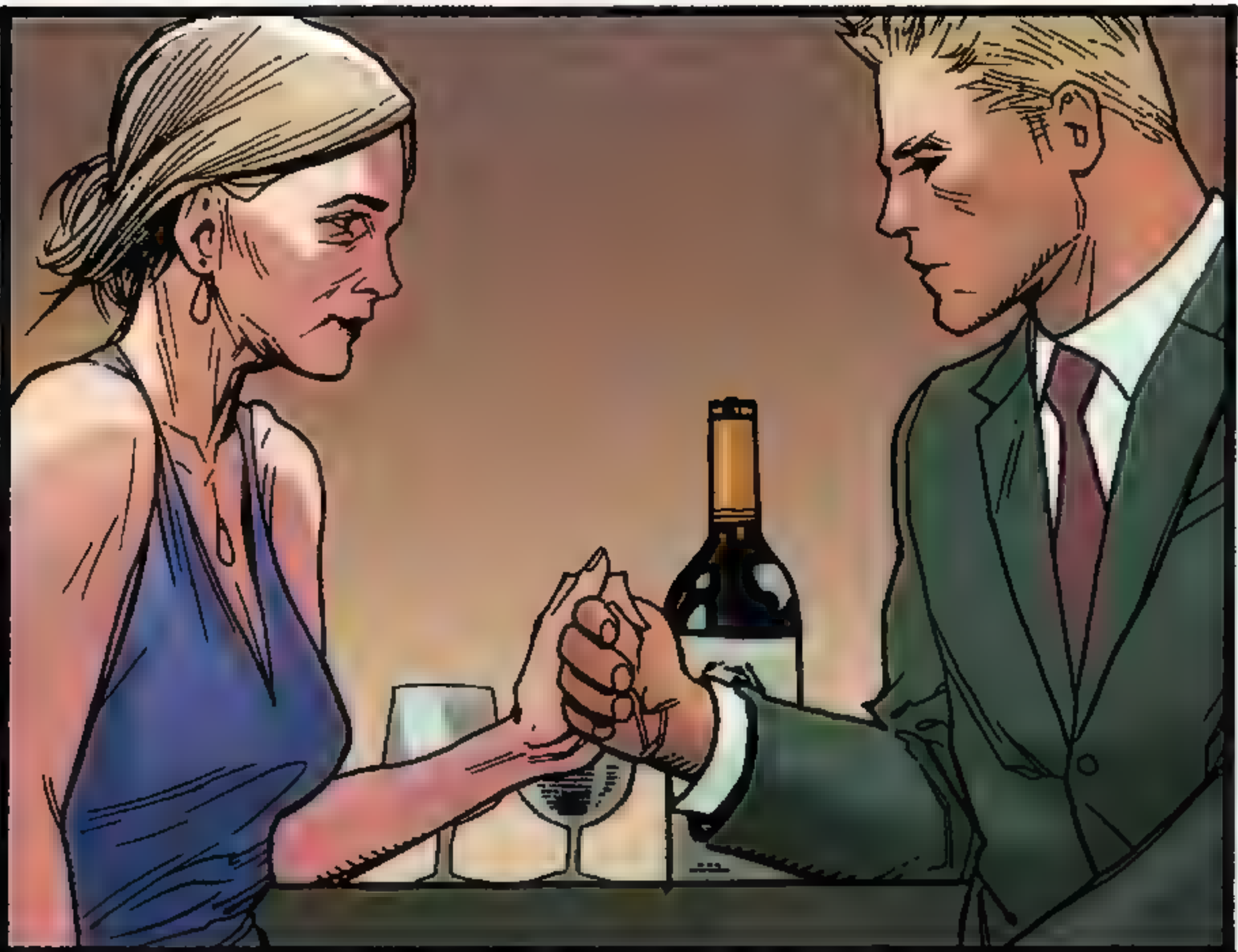
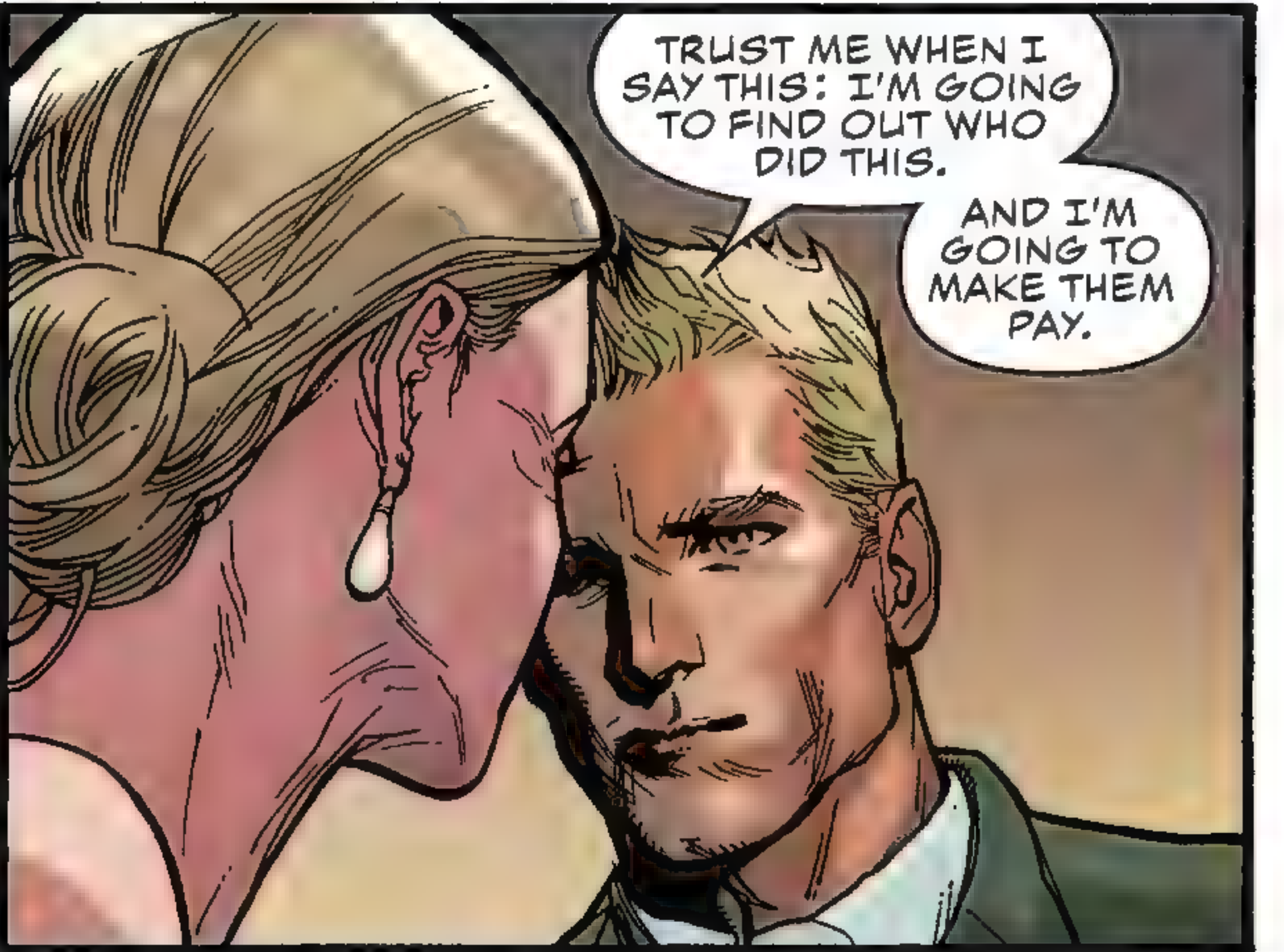
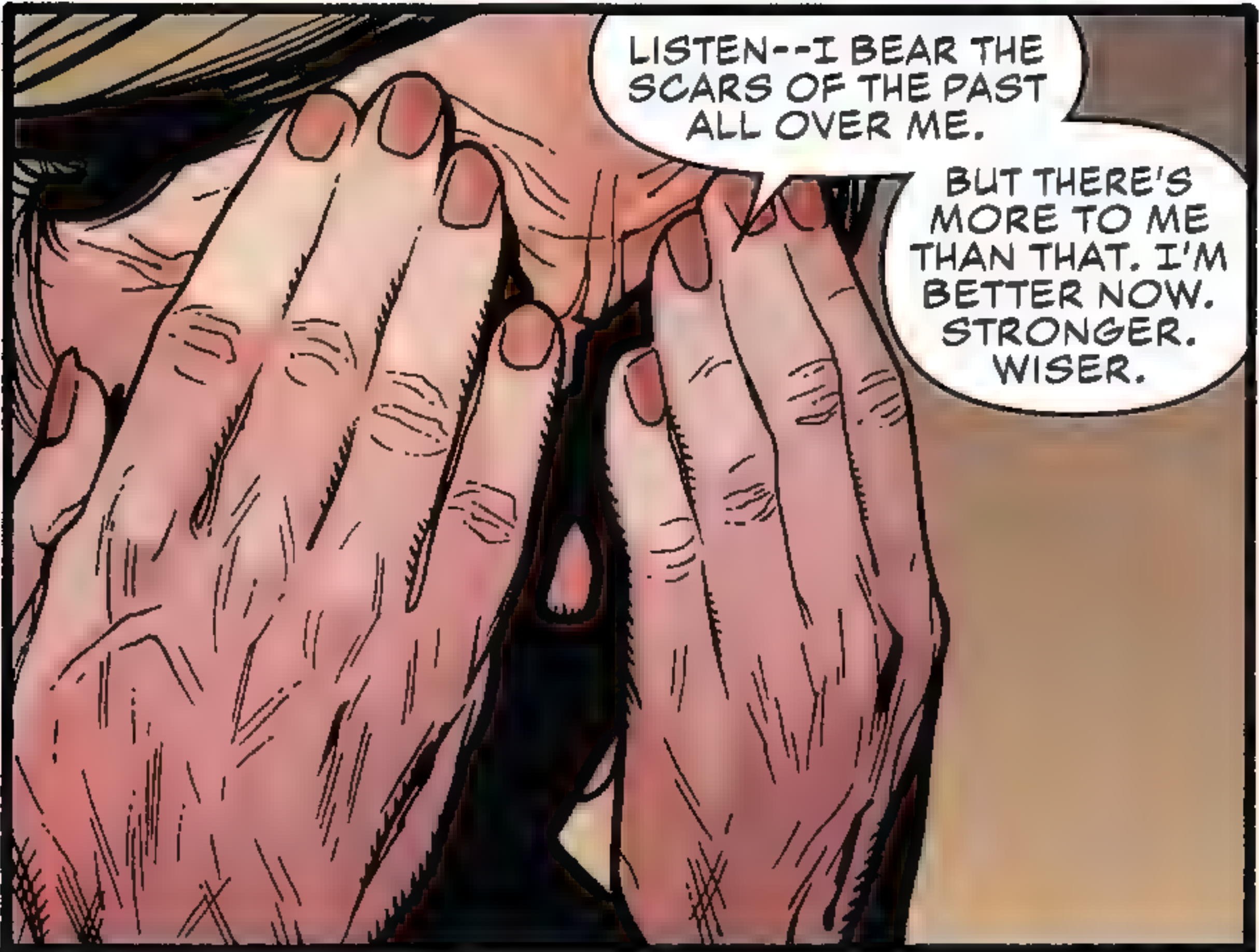
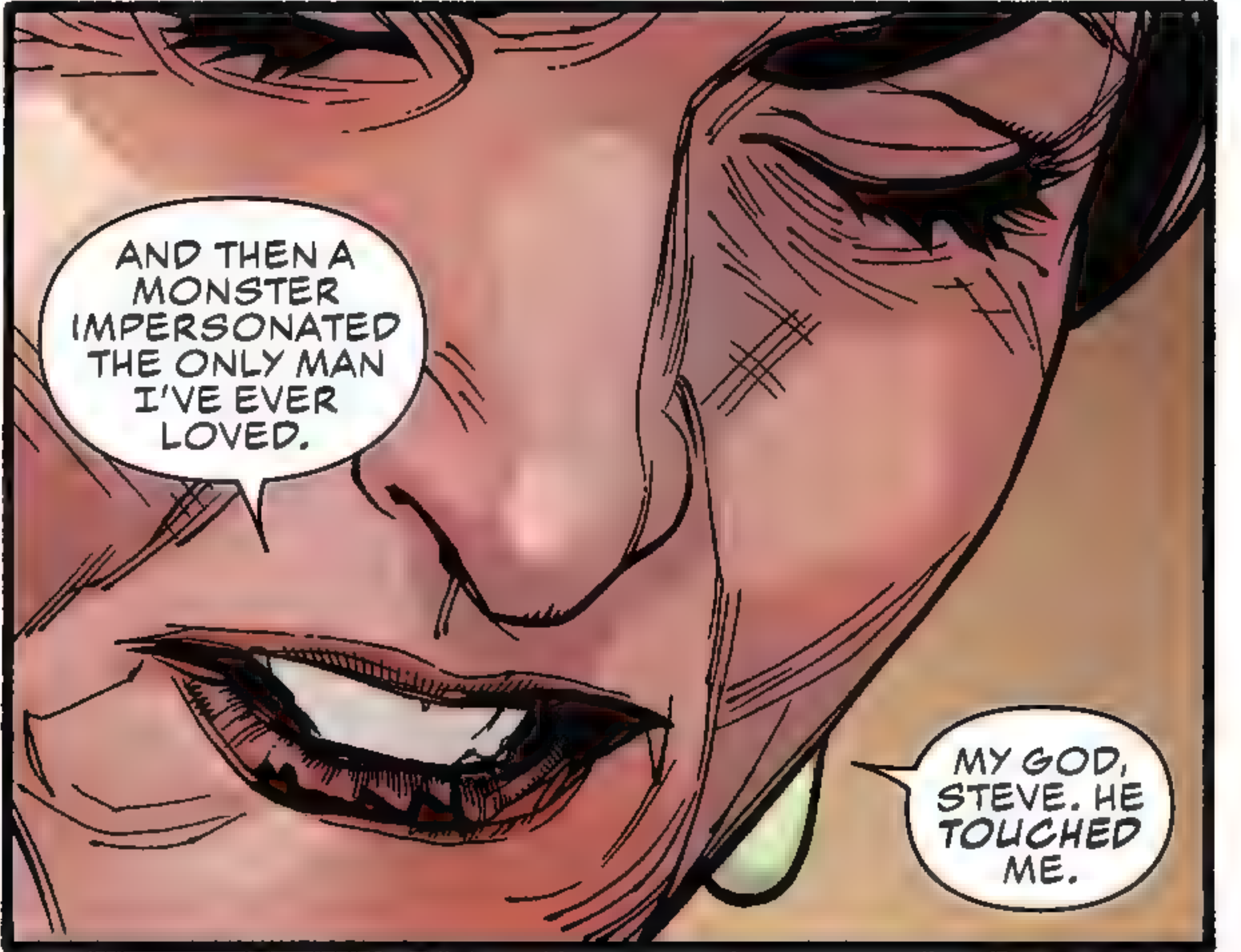
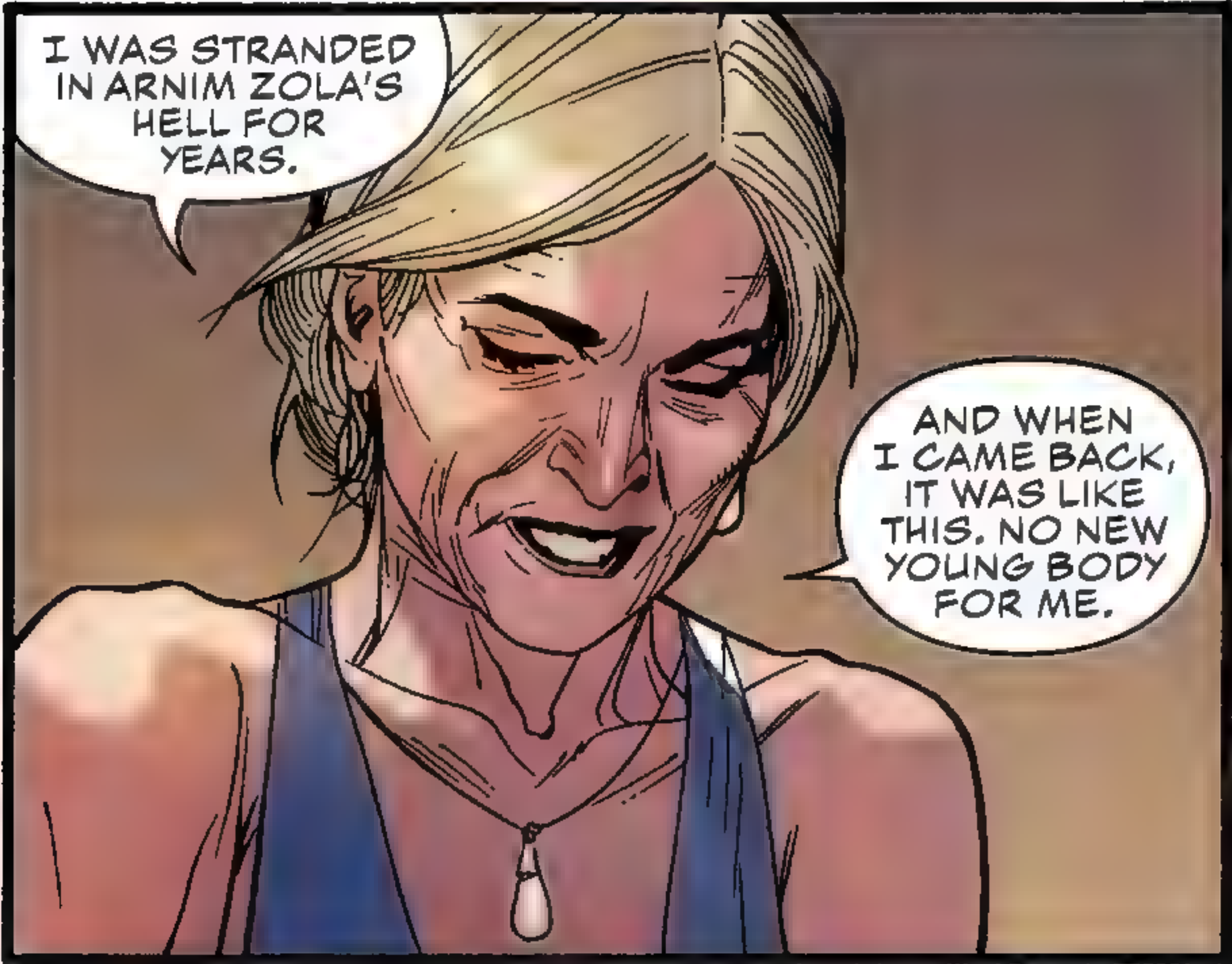
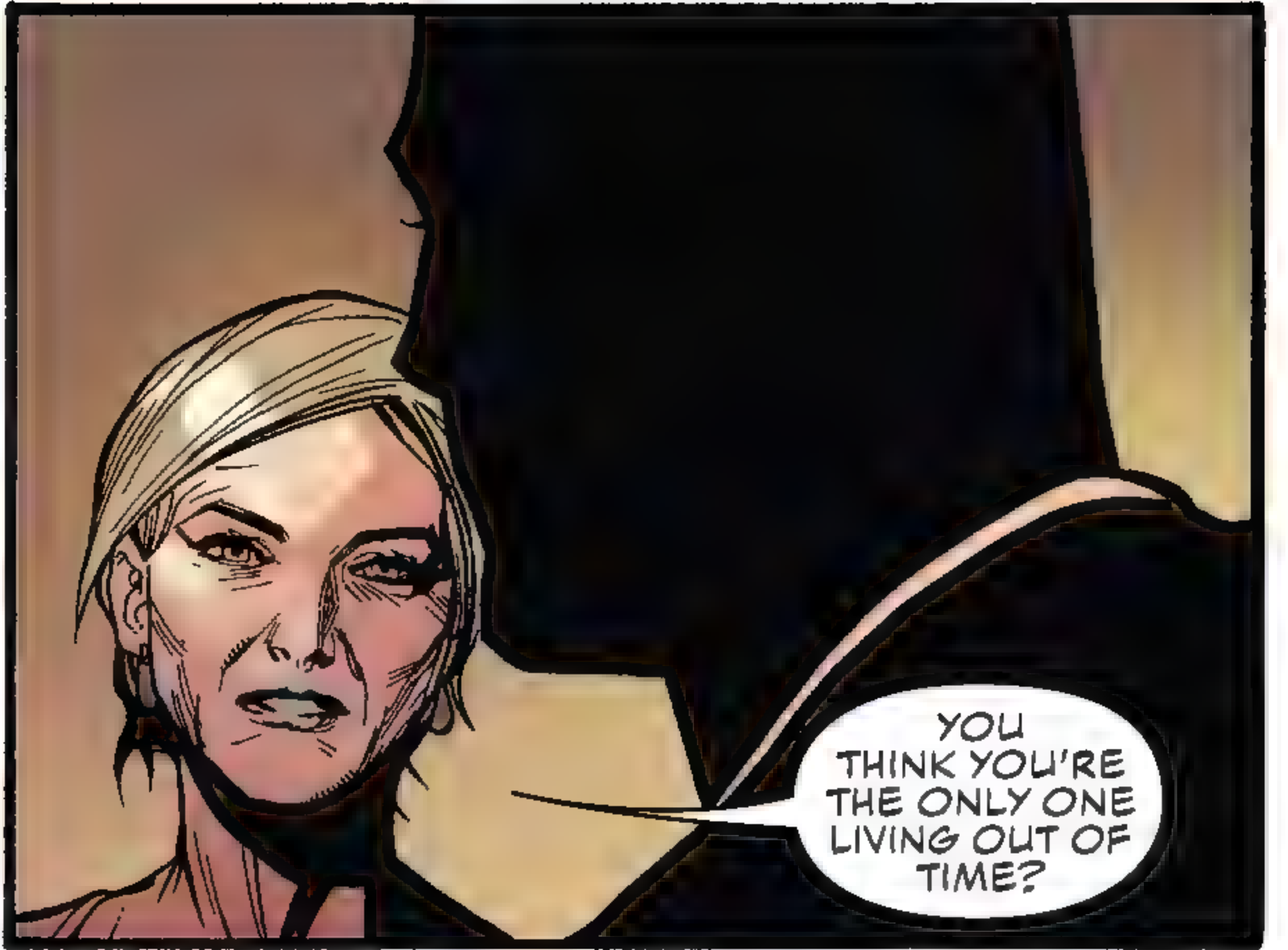
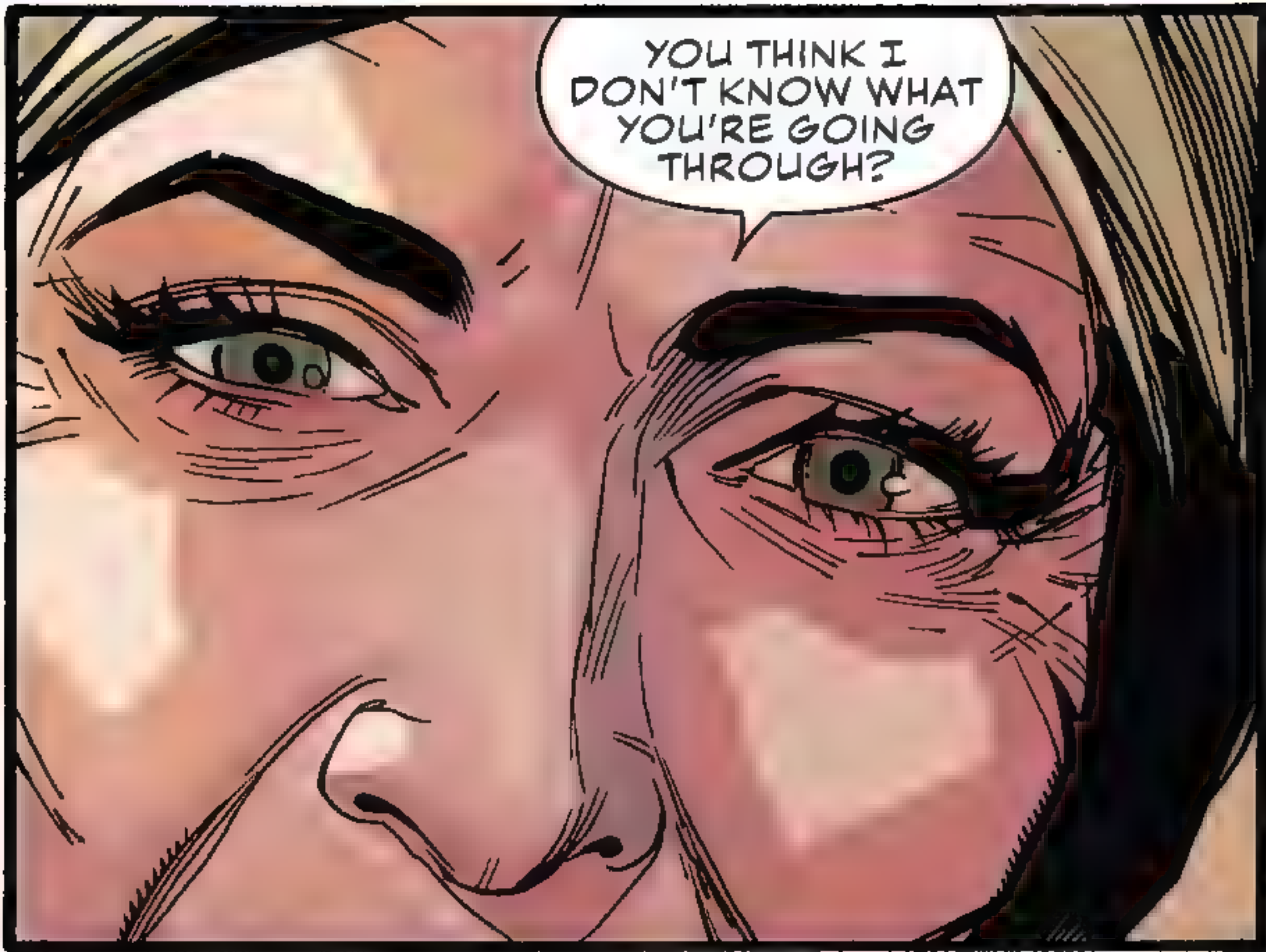


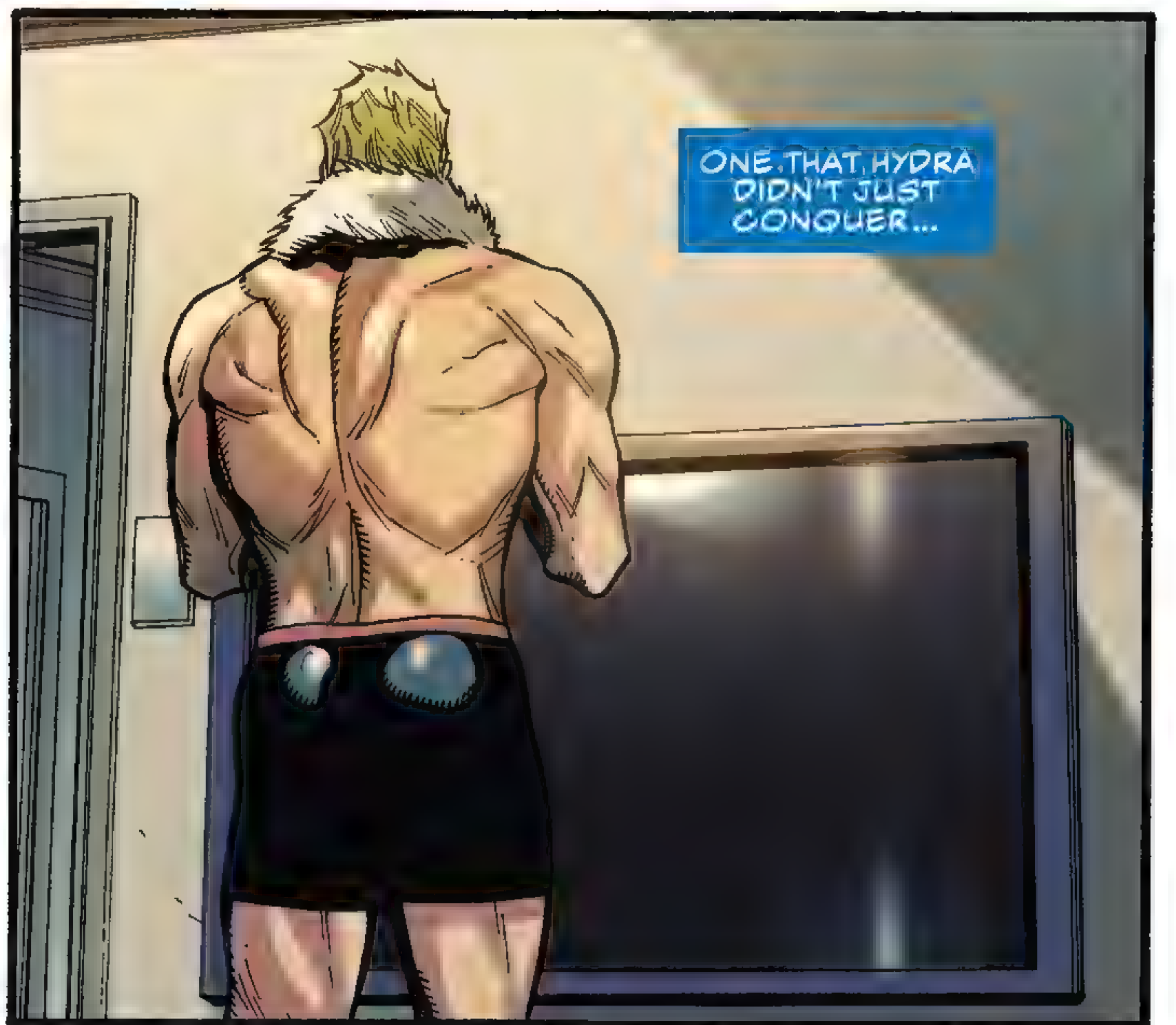
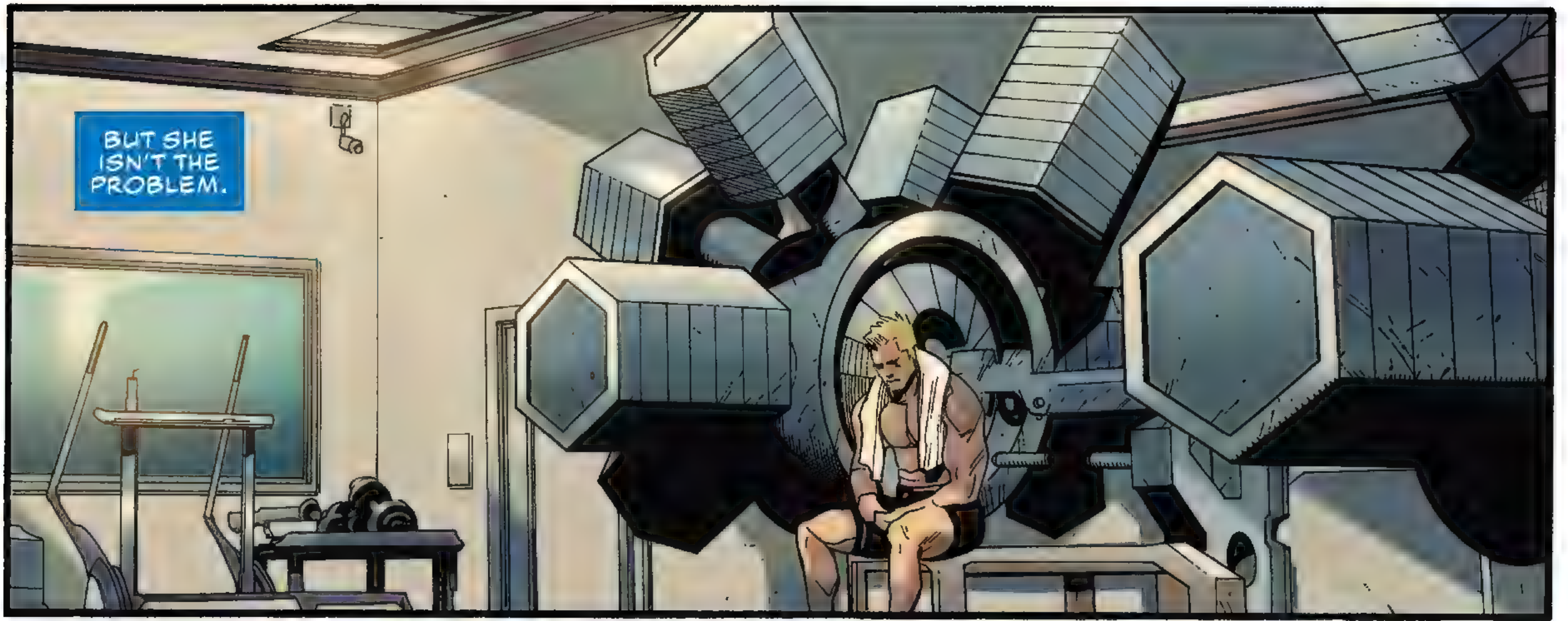
AGENT 13,
I'LL SEE YOU
TOMORROW
BRIGHT AND
EARLY.

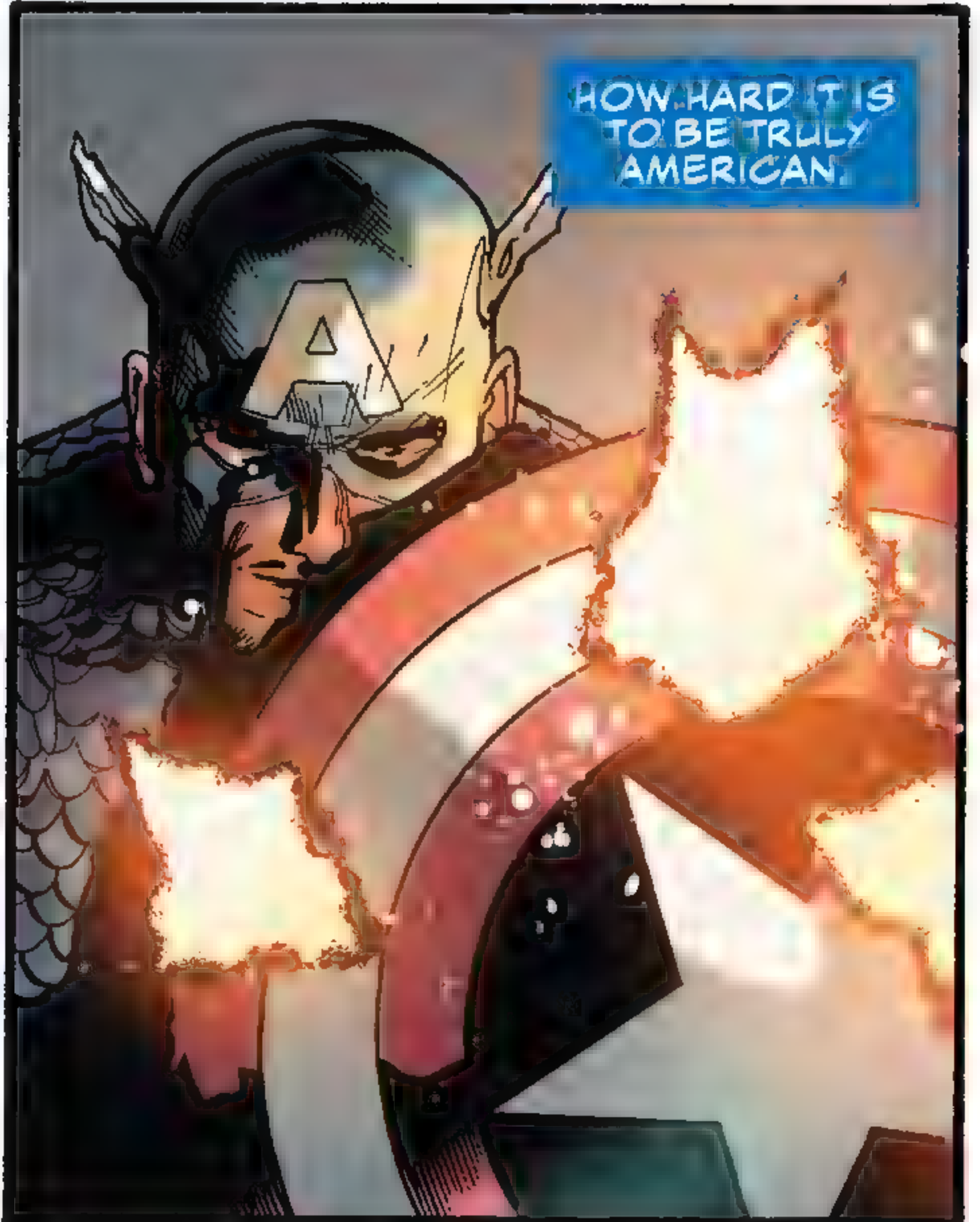
BRING
BARNES
WITH YOU.

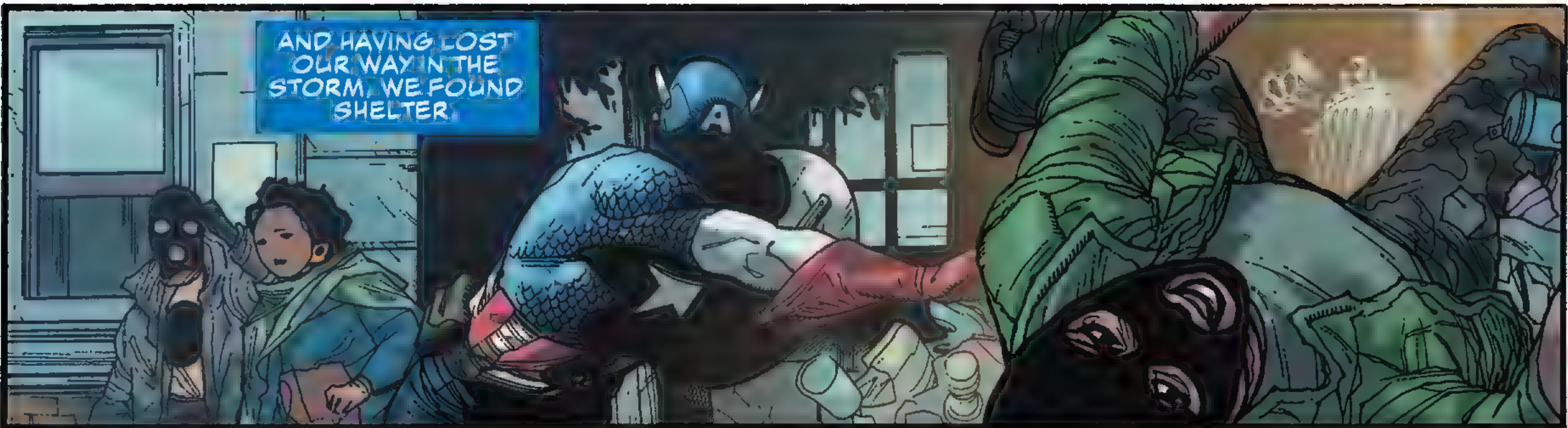
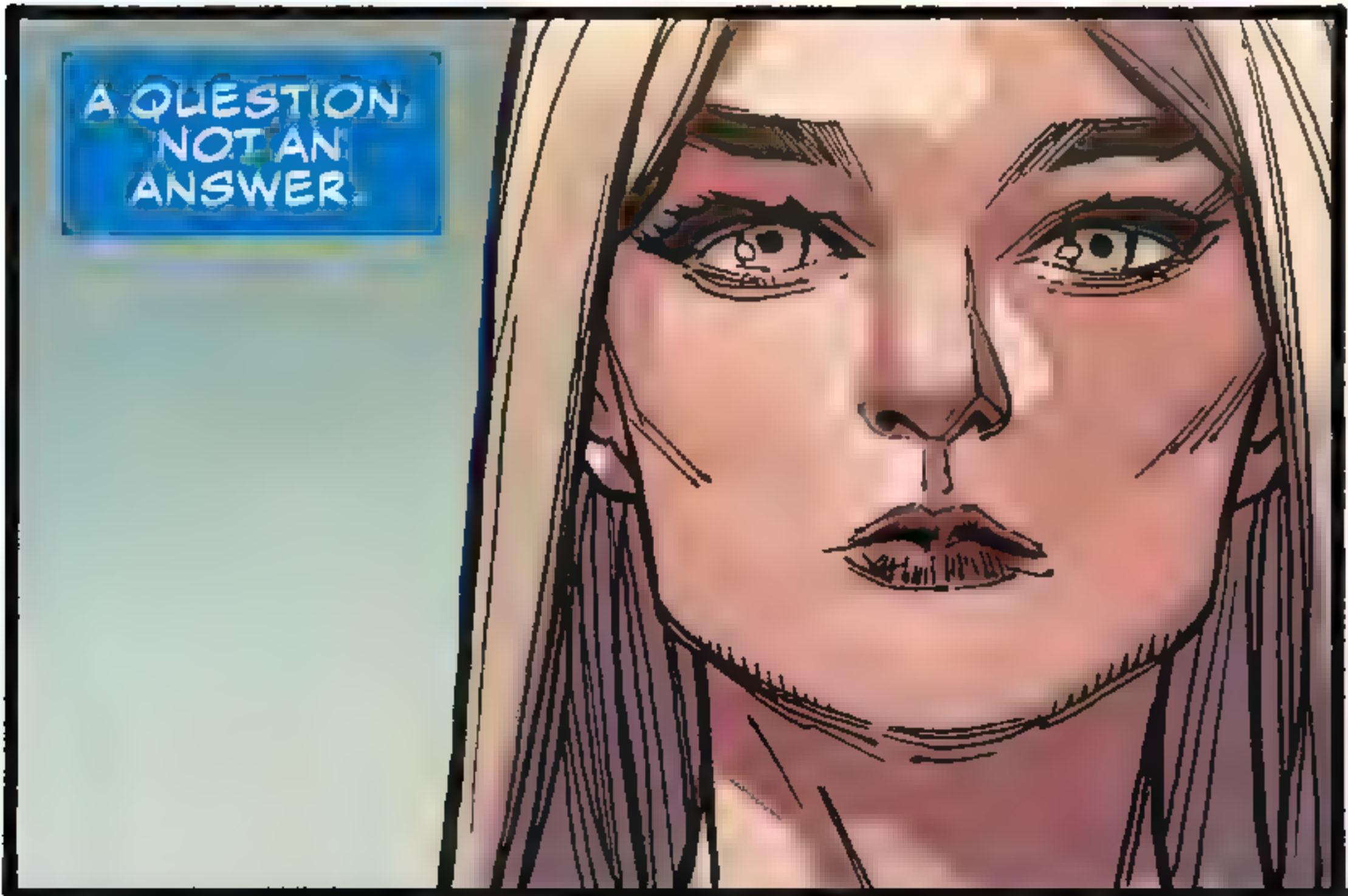
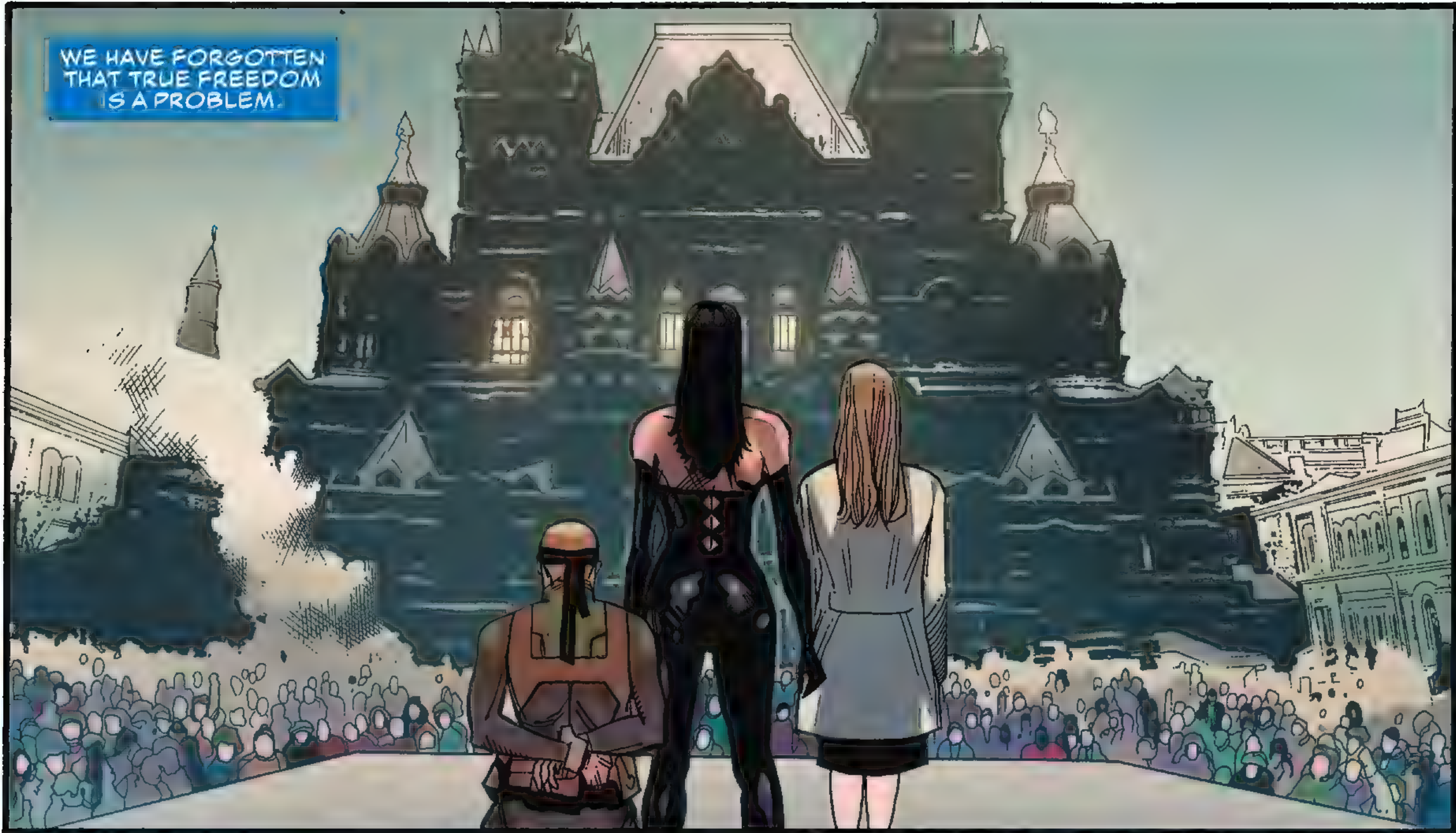


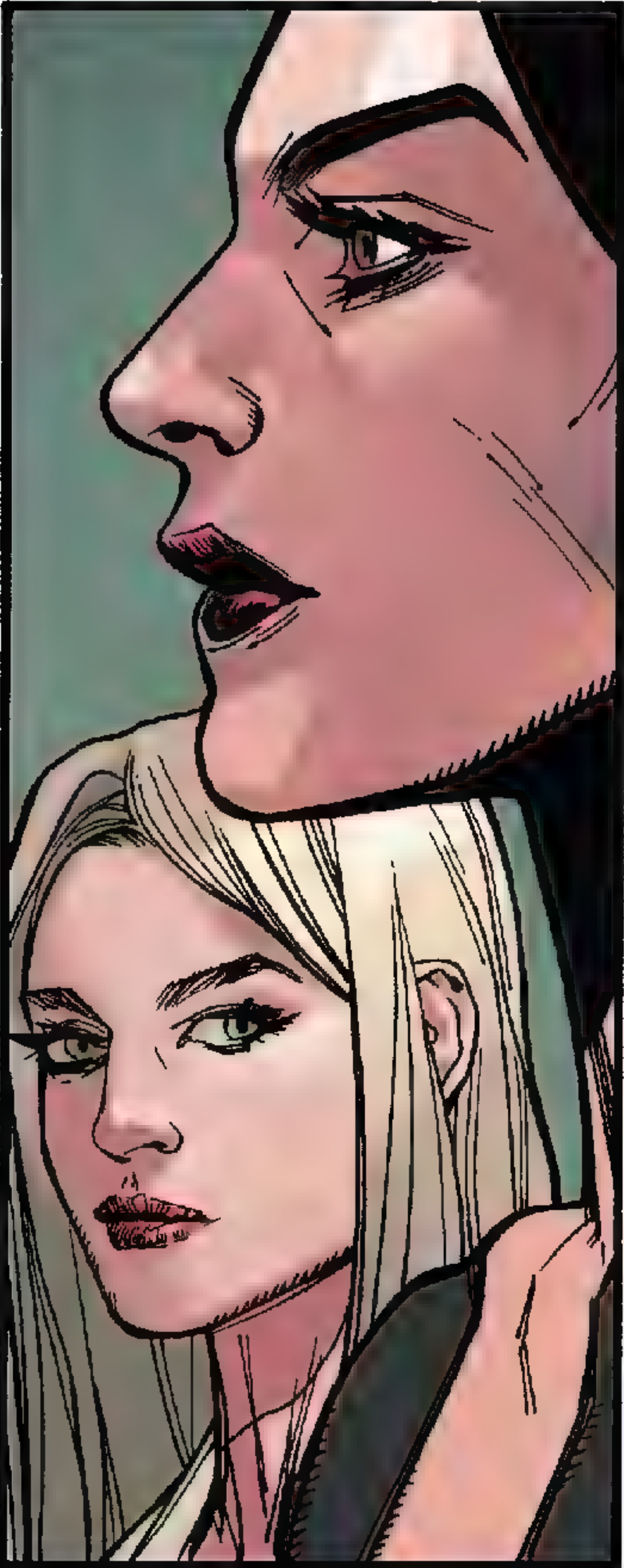
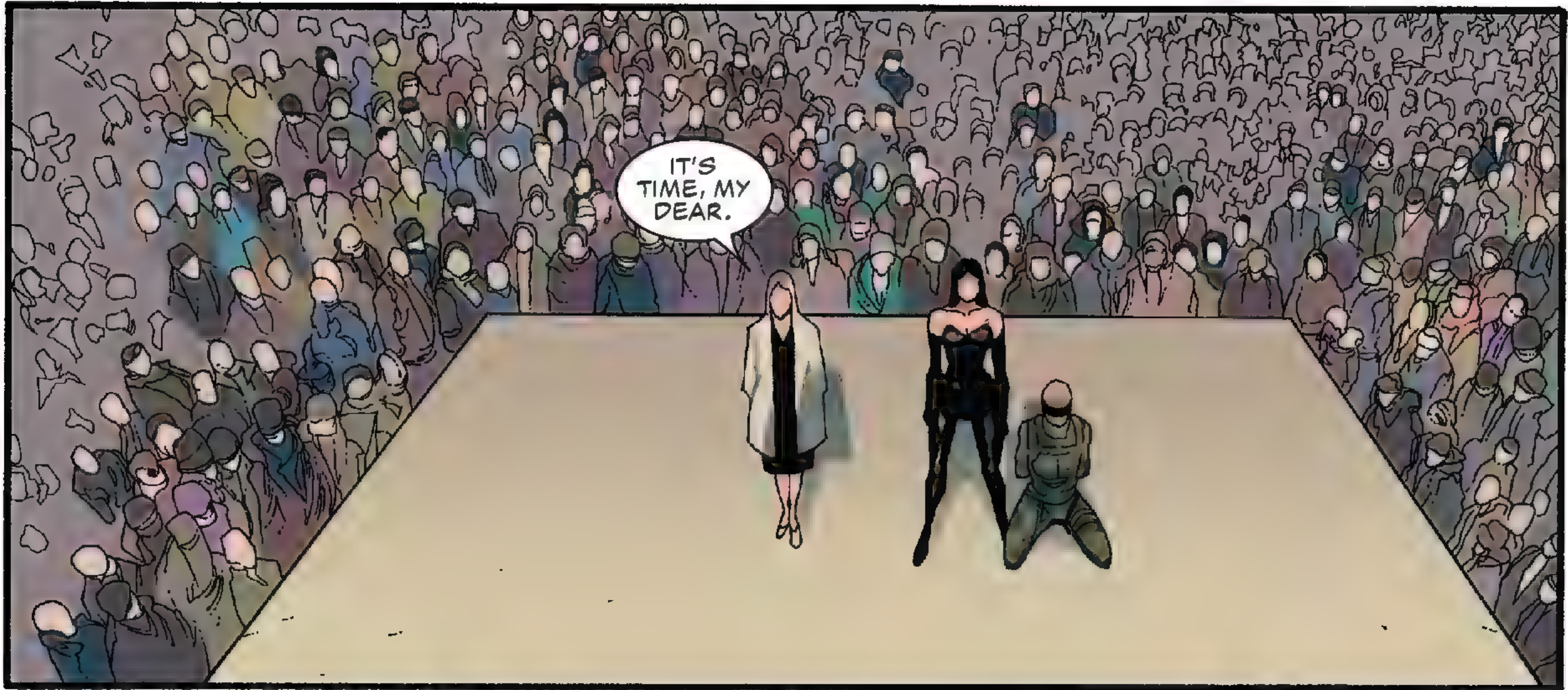
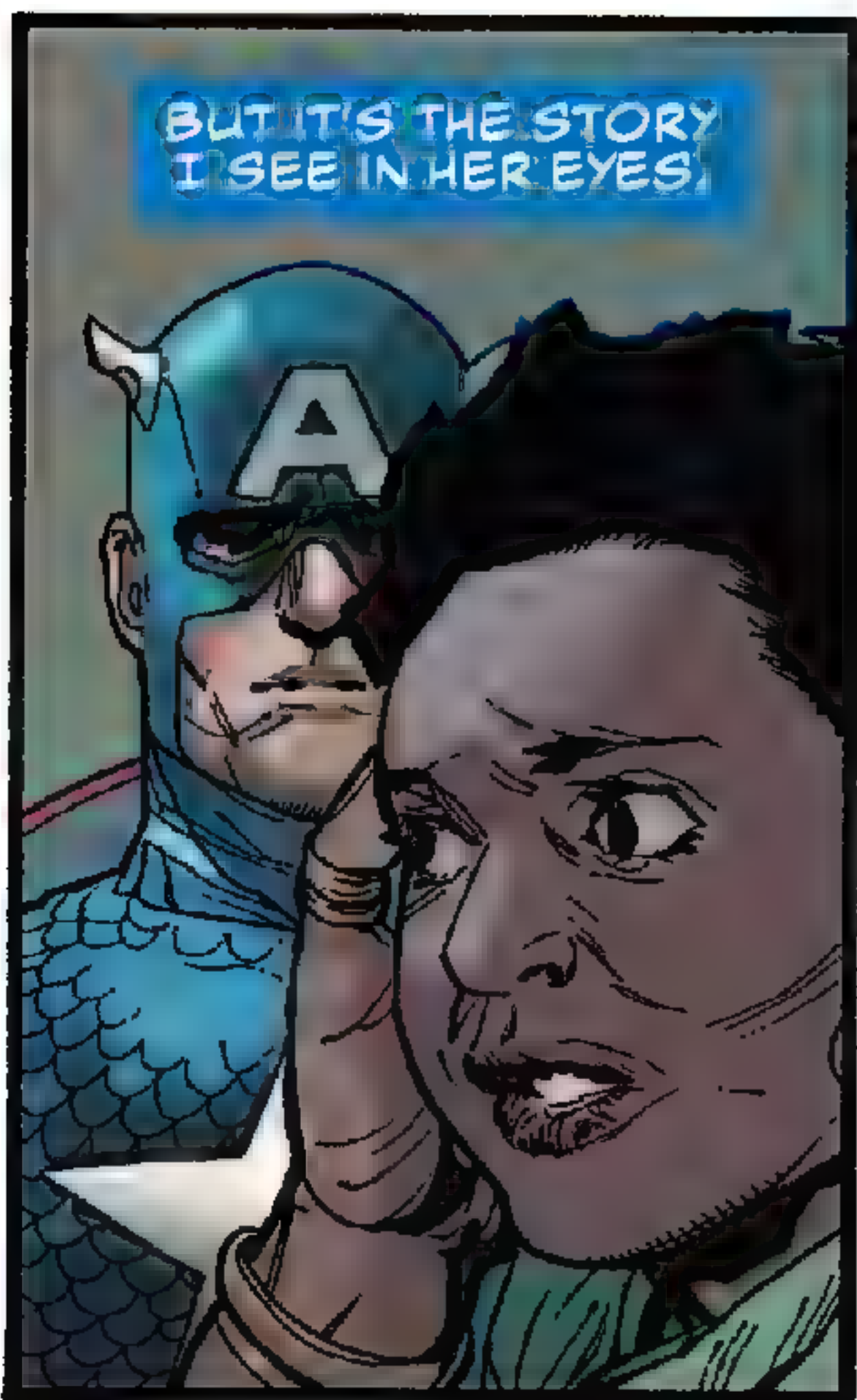


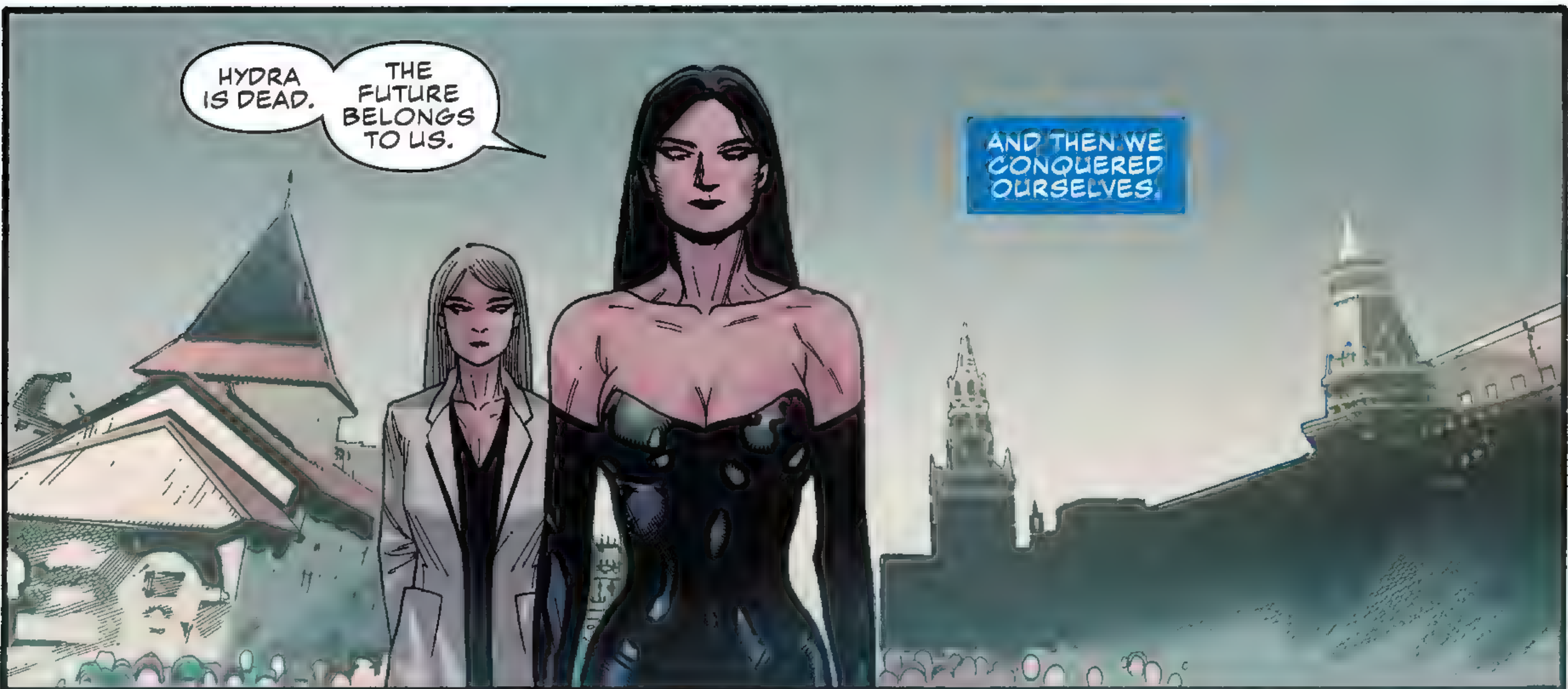
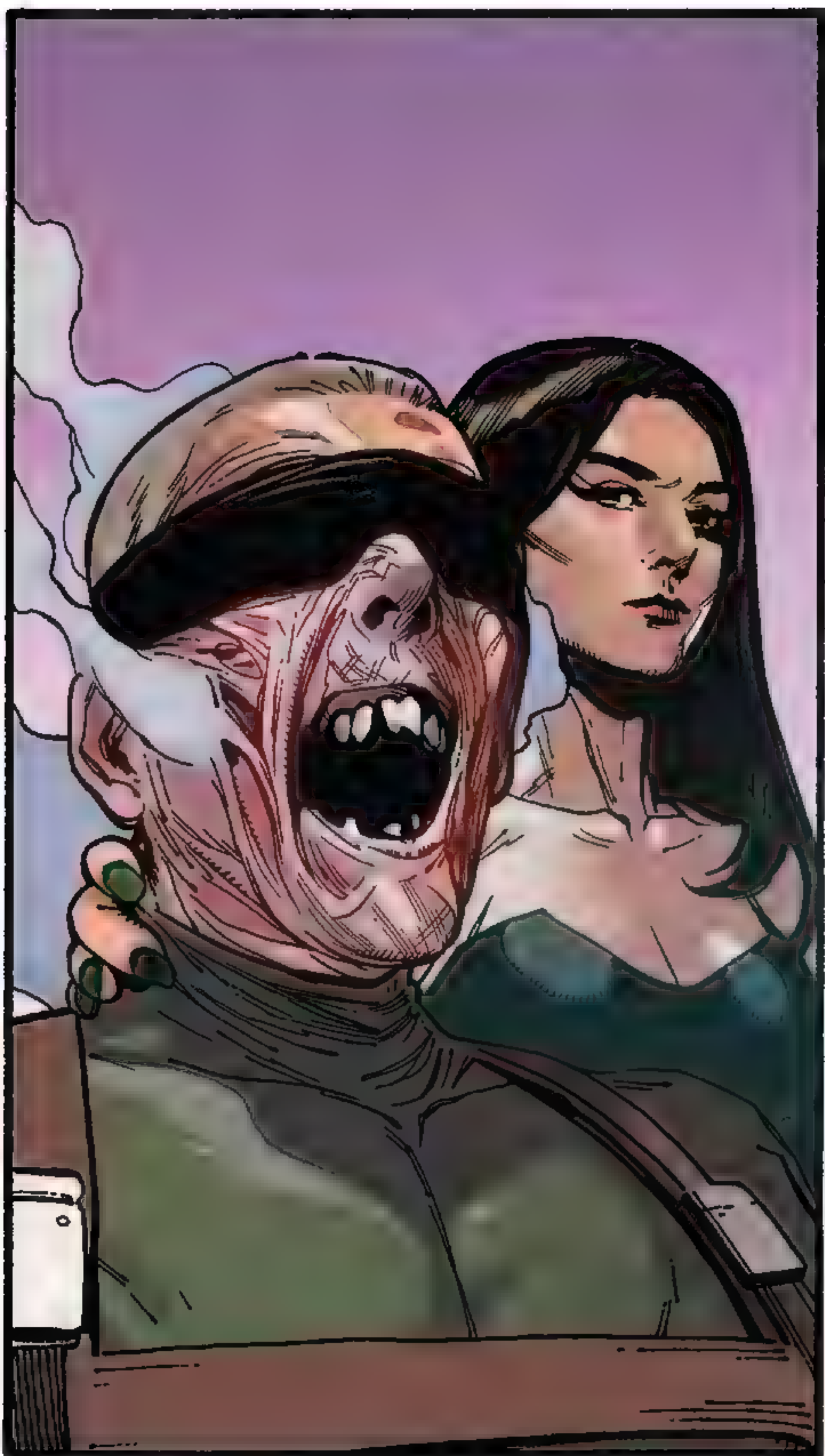
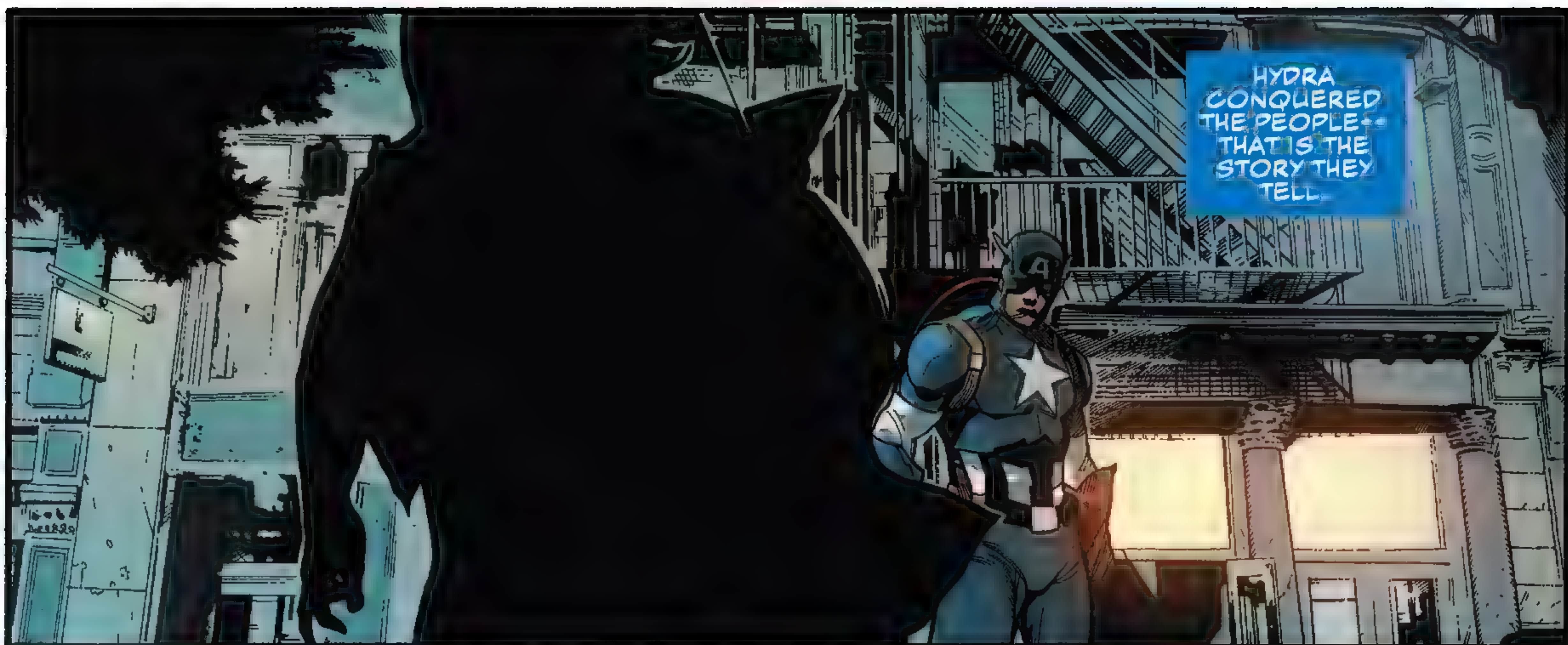




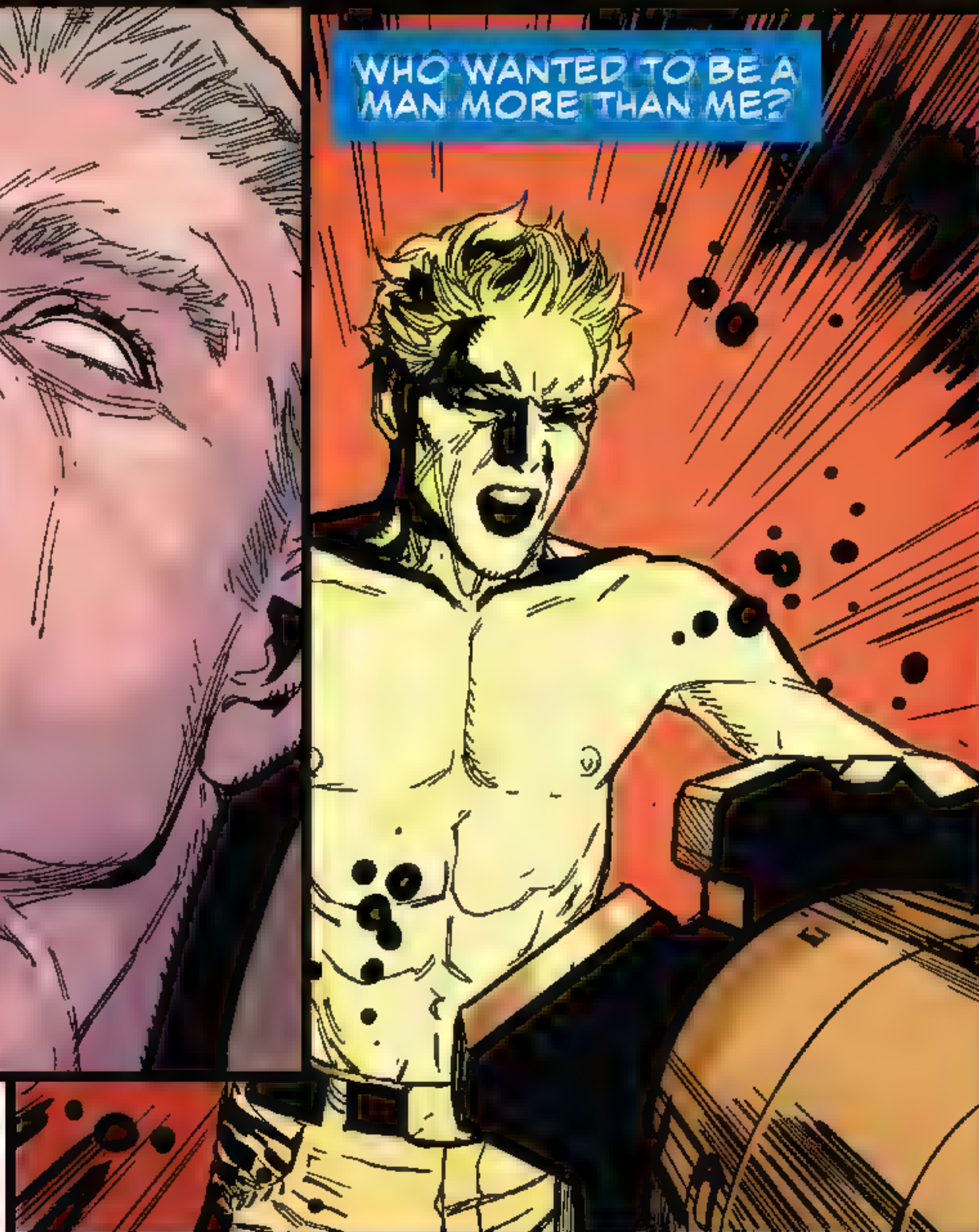
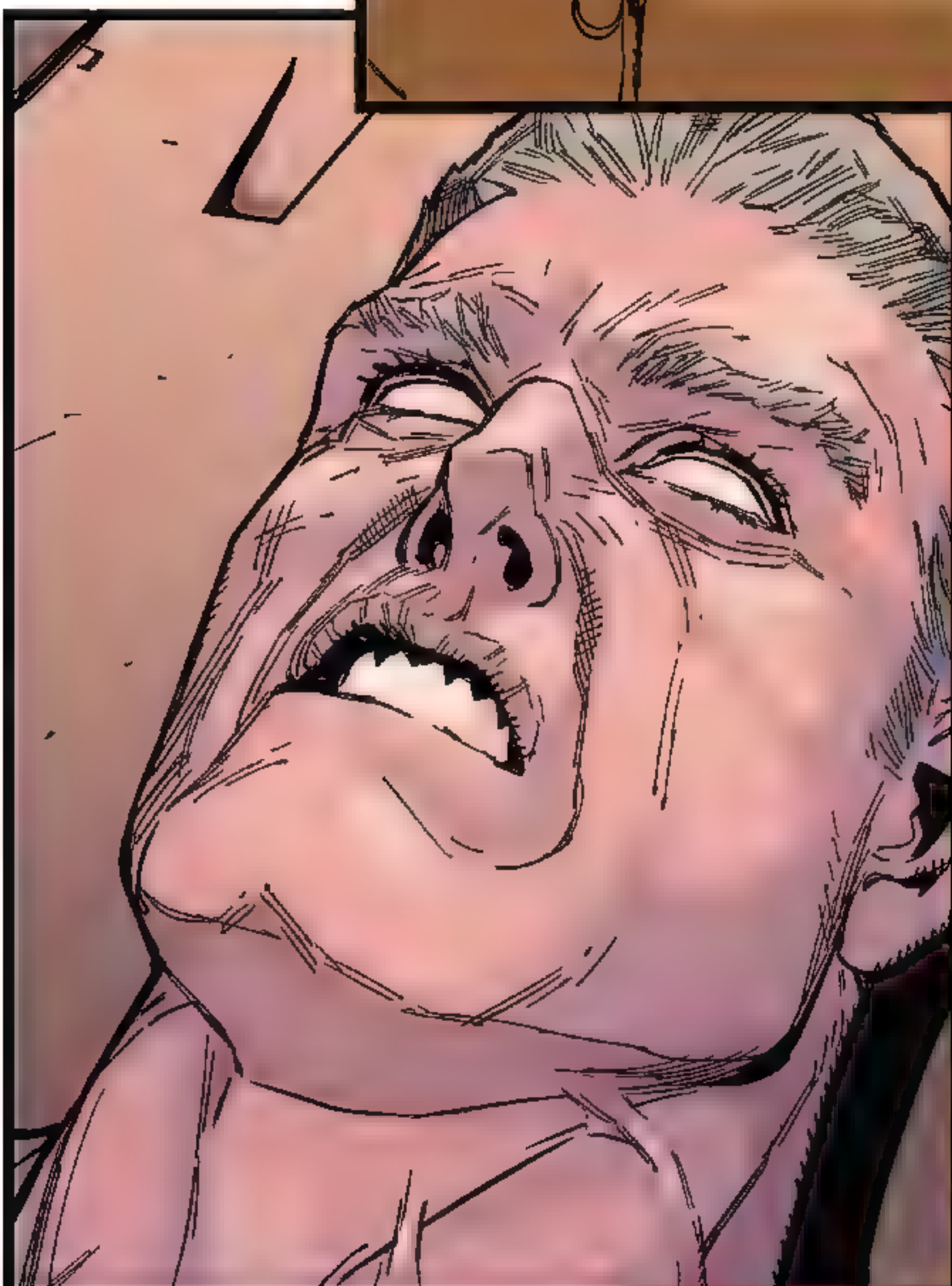
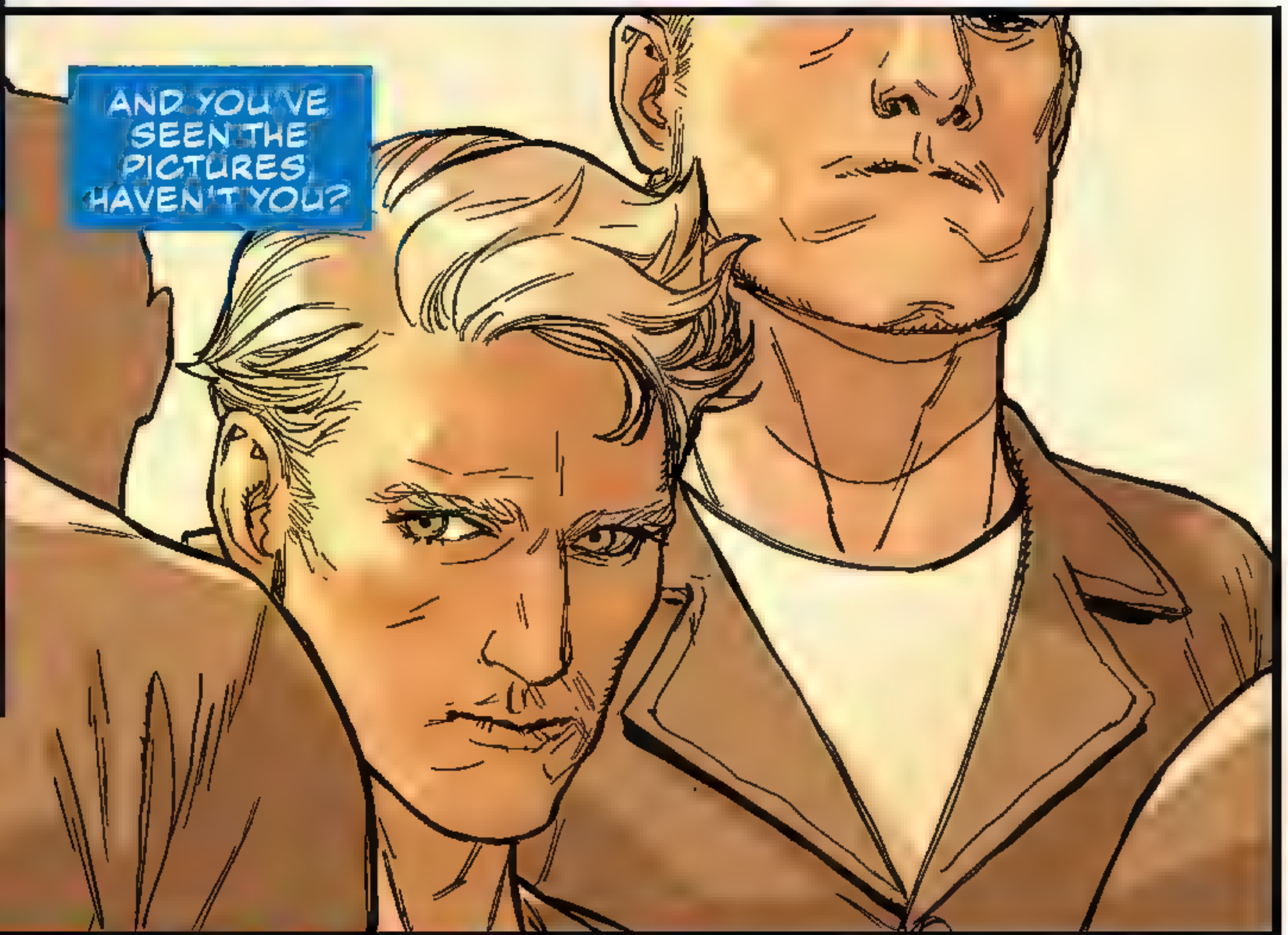
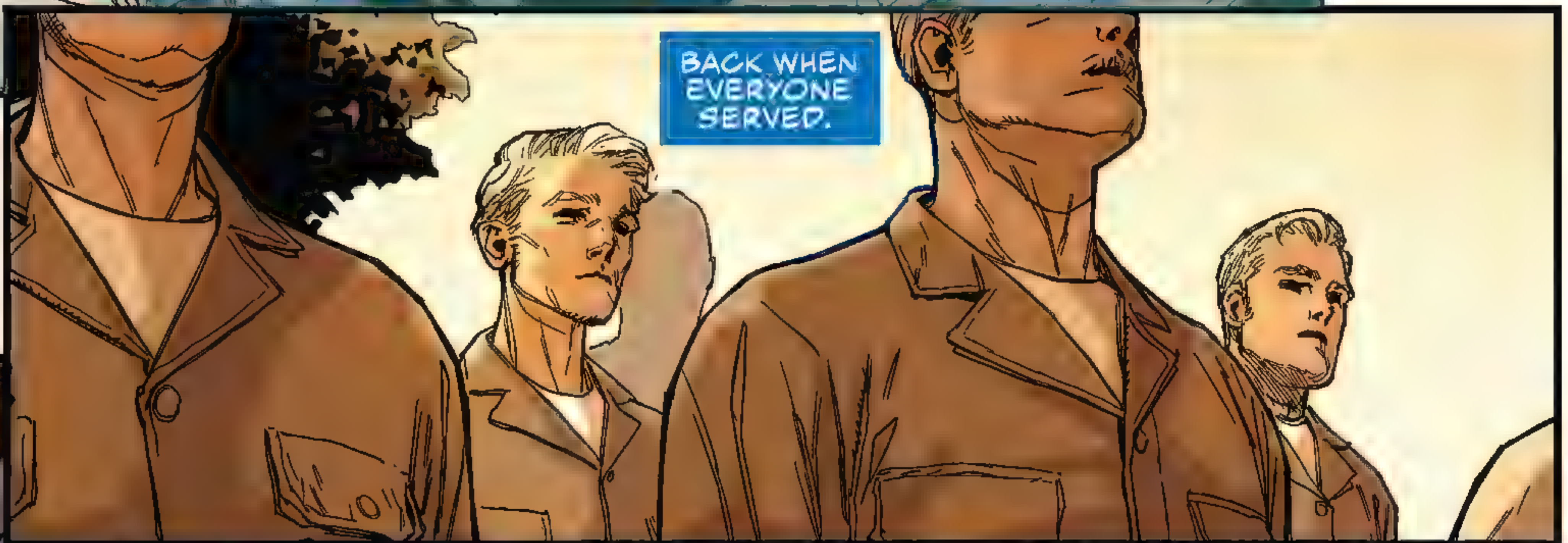






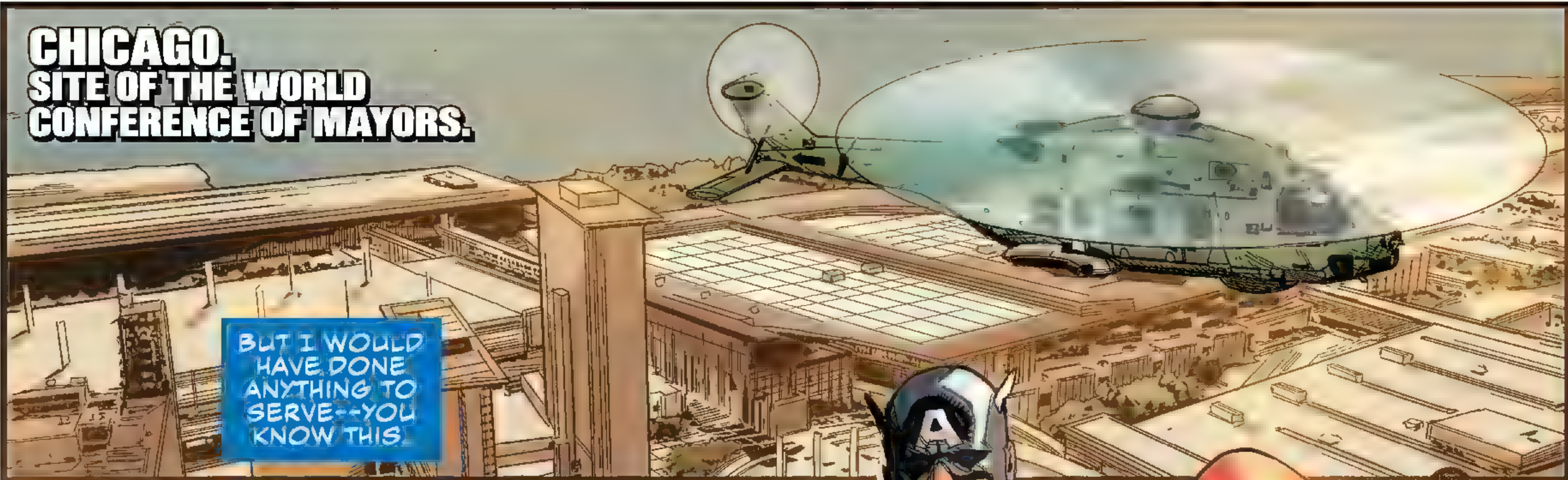






DOING
WHAT MEN
DO.





**CHICAGO.
SITE OF THE WORLD
CONFERENCE OF MAYORS.**

BUT I WOULD
HAVE DONE
ANYTHING TO
SERVE--YOU
KNOW THIS.



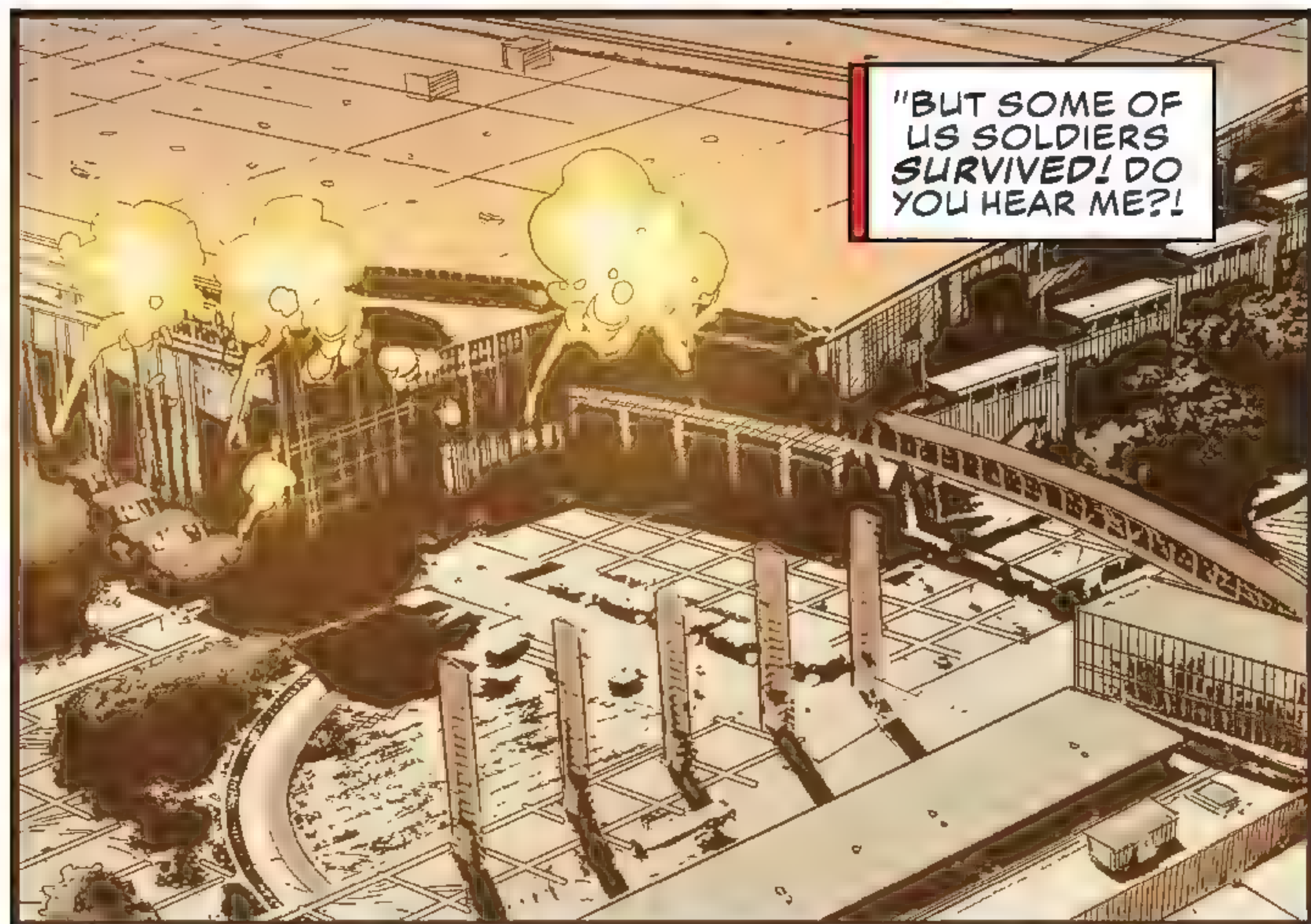
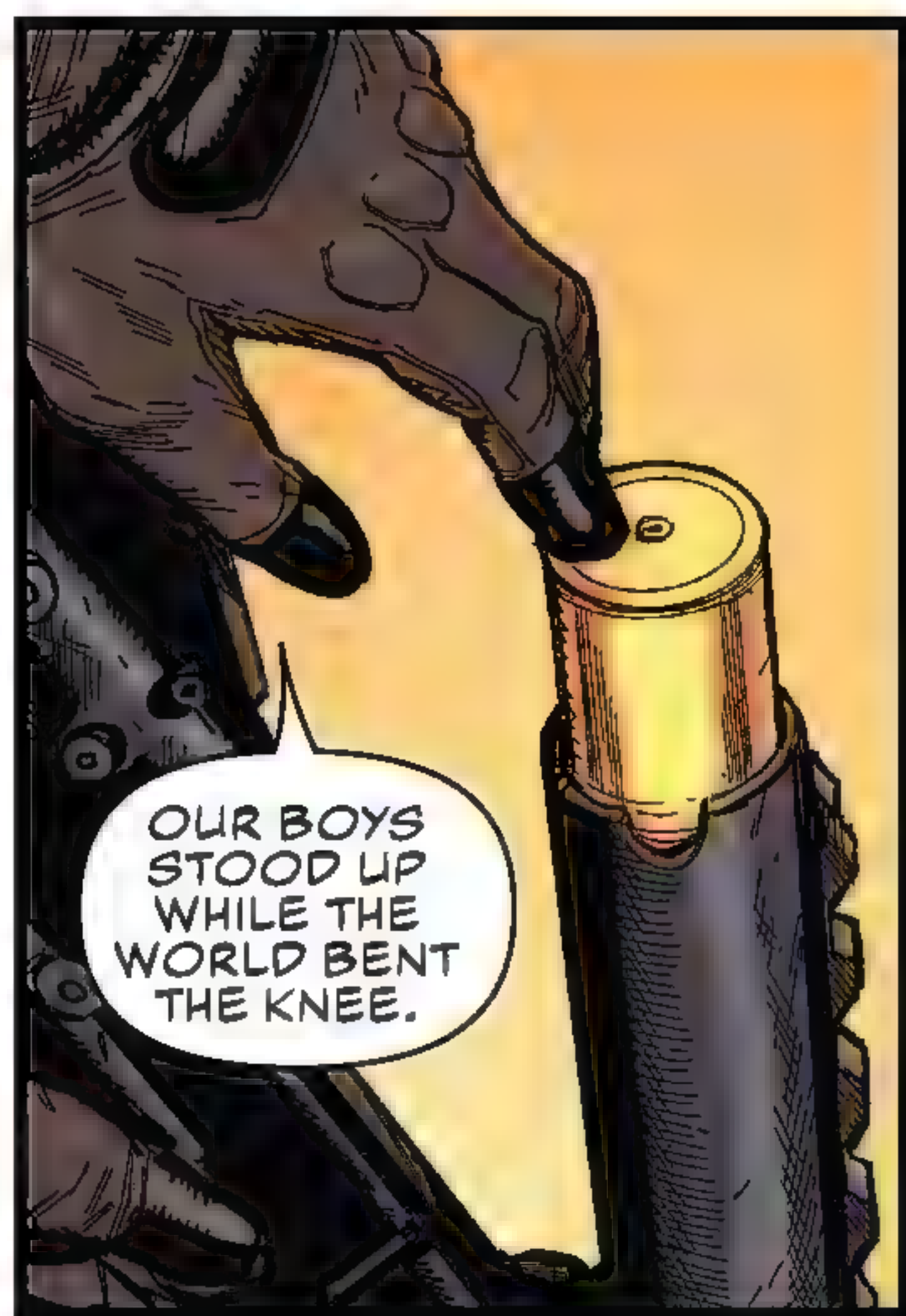
ANYTHING TO KEEP
FROM BEING THE
ONLY BOY BACK
THEN, WHO STAYED
A BOY.



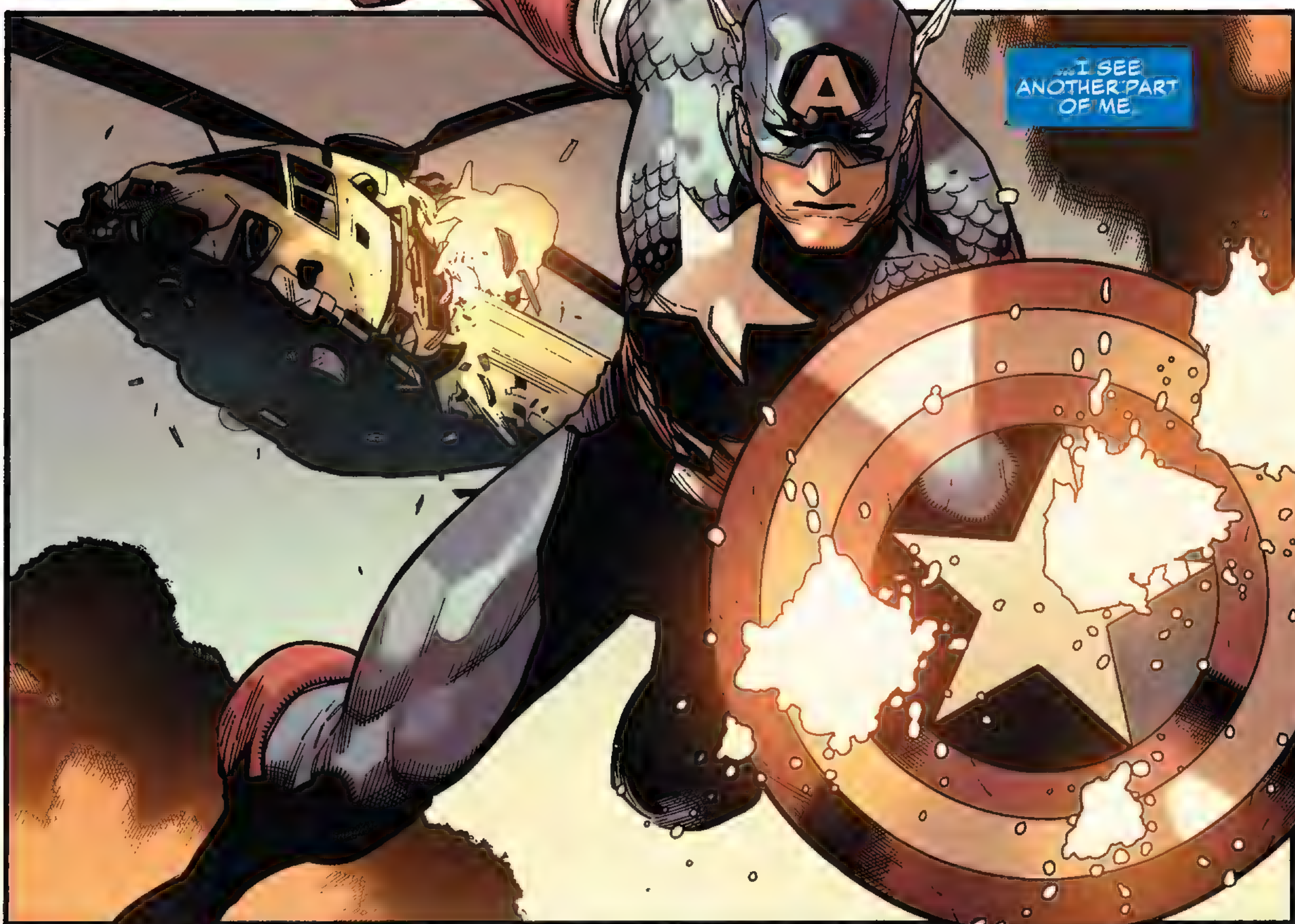
THAT WAS
THE DEAL
THAT MADE
ME.



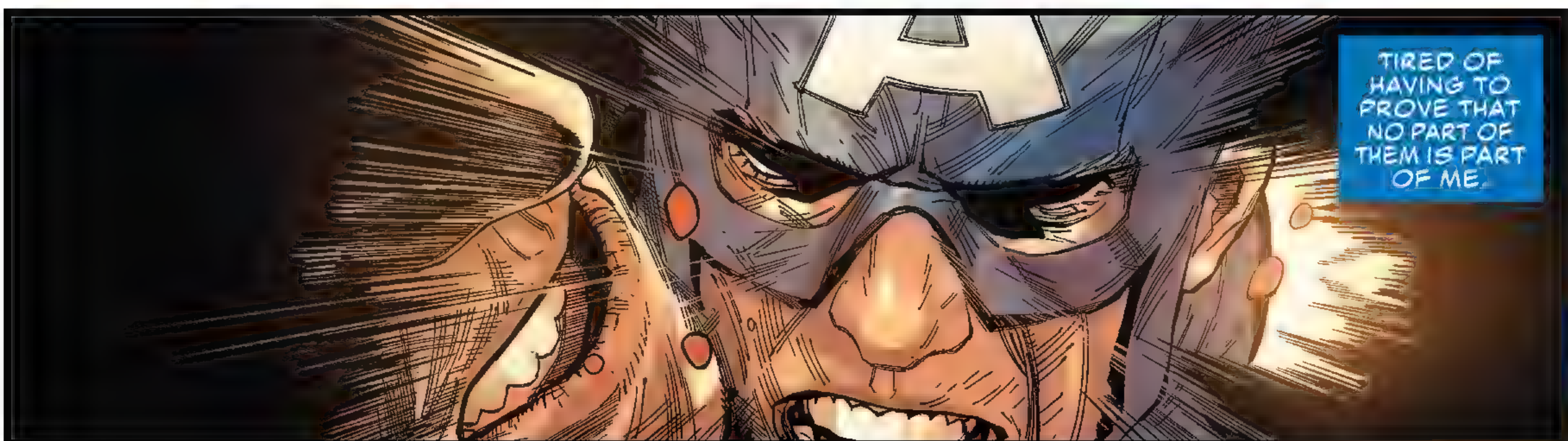
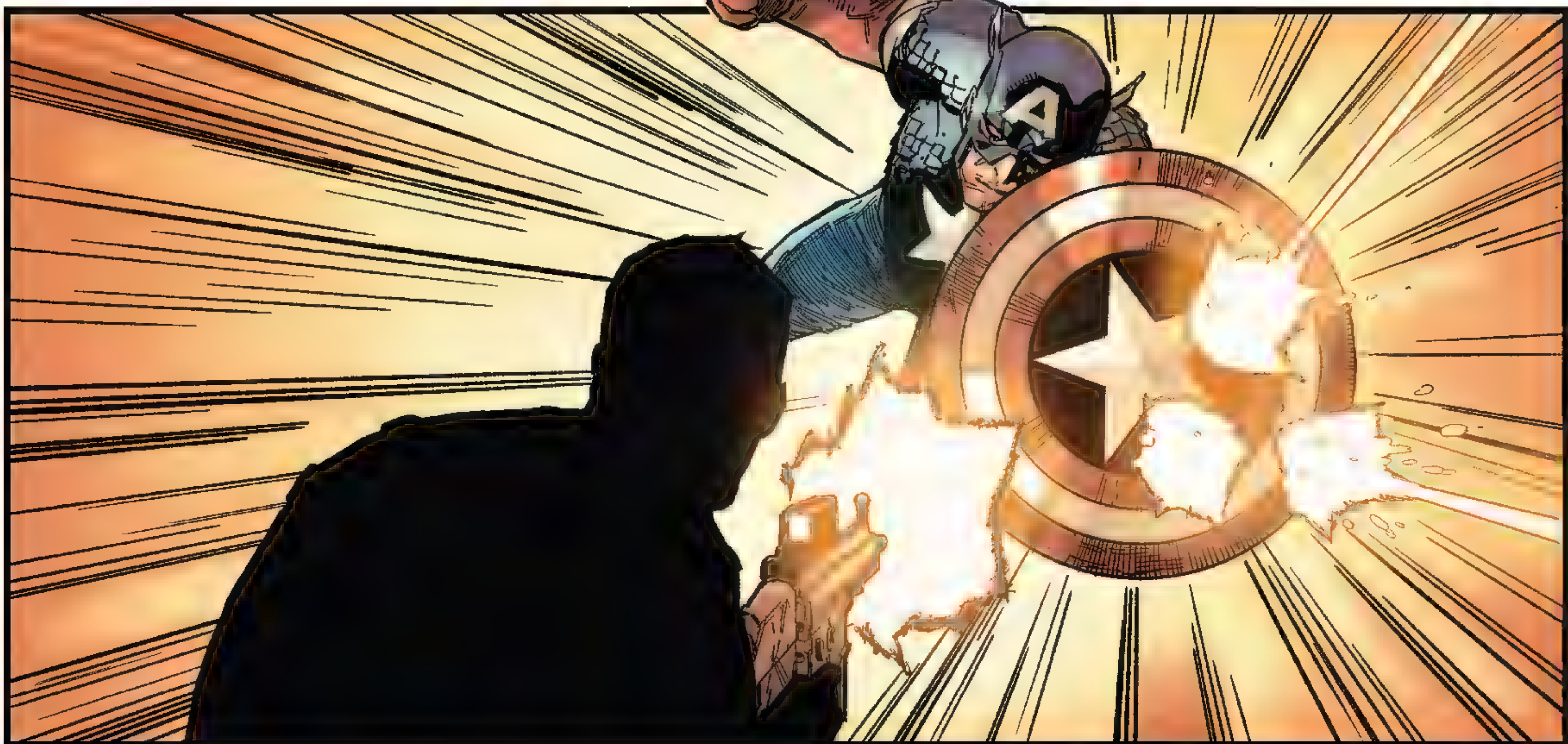
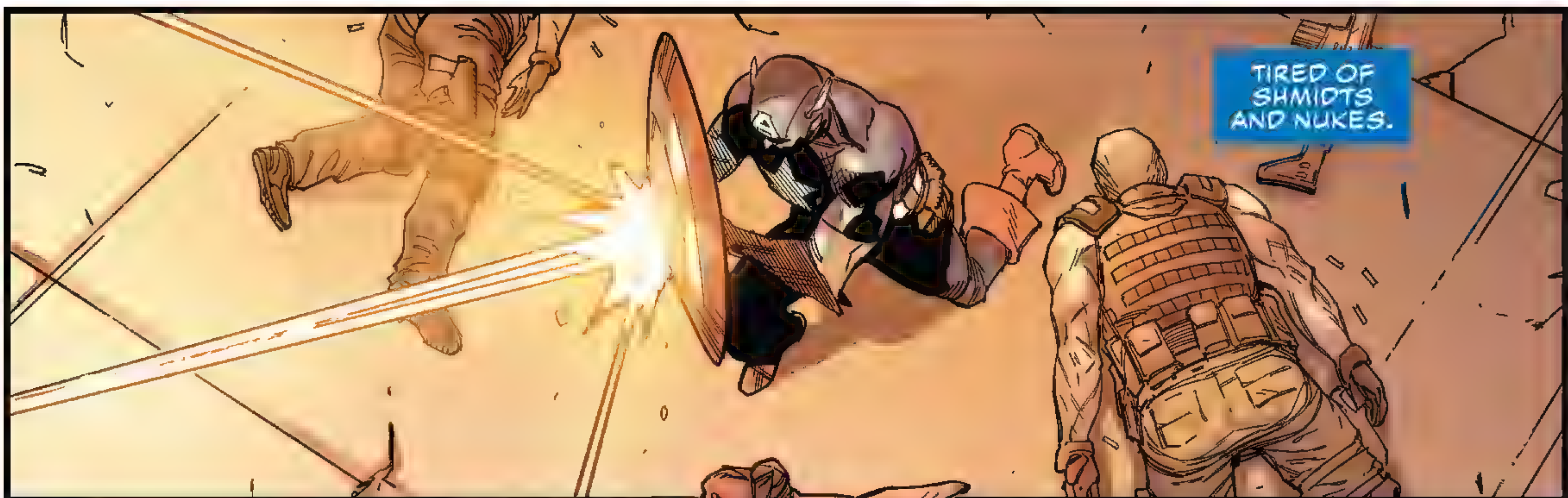
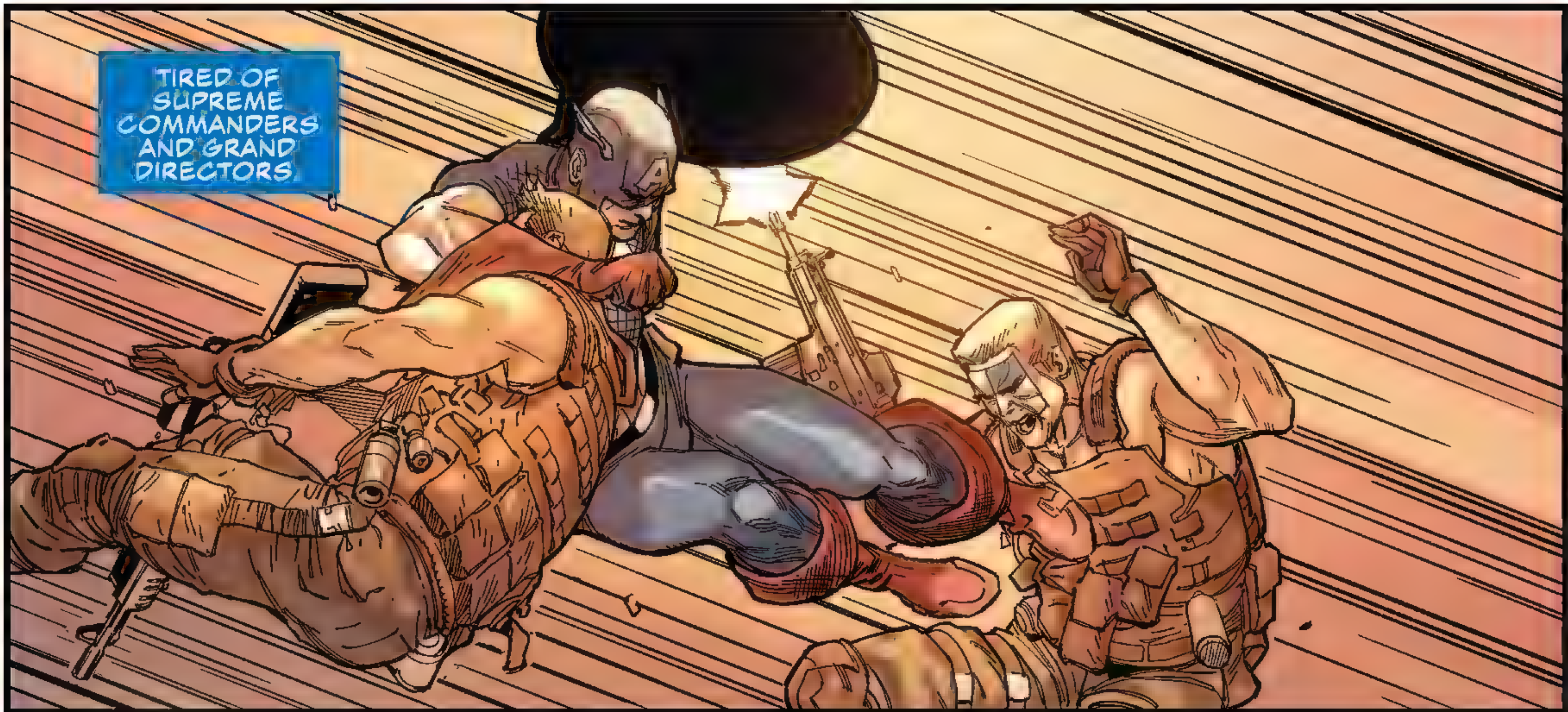
AND IT'S THE
SAME DEAL
THAT MADE
THEM.













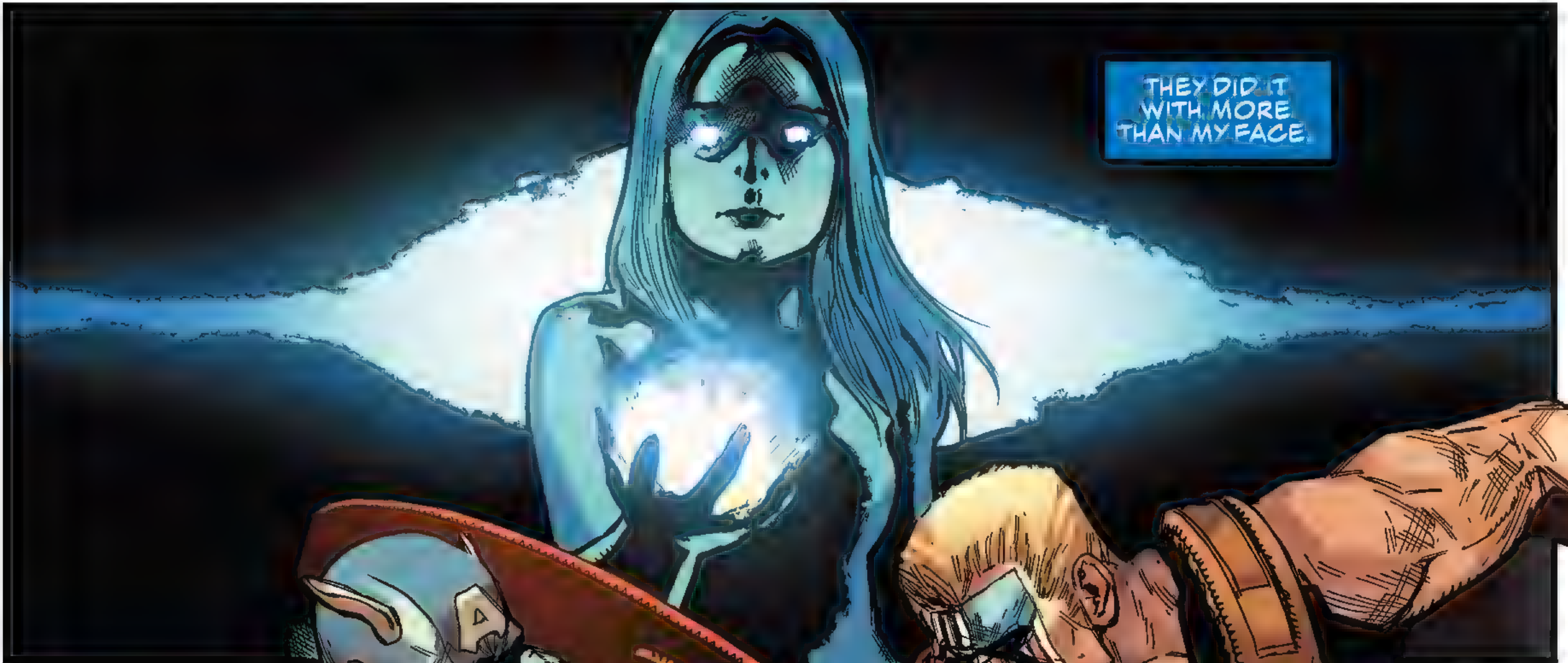
HYDRA
CONQUERED
THE WORLD



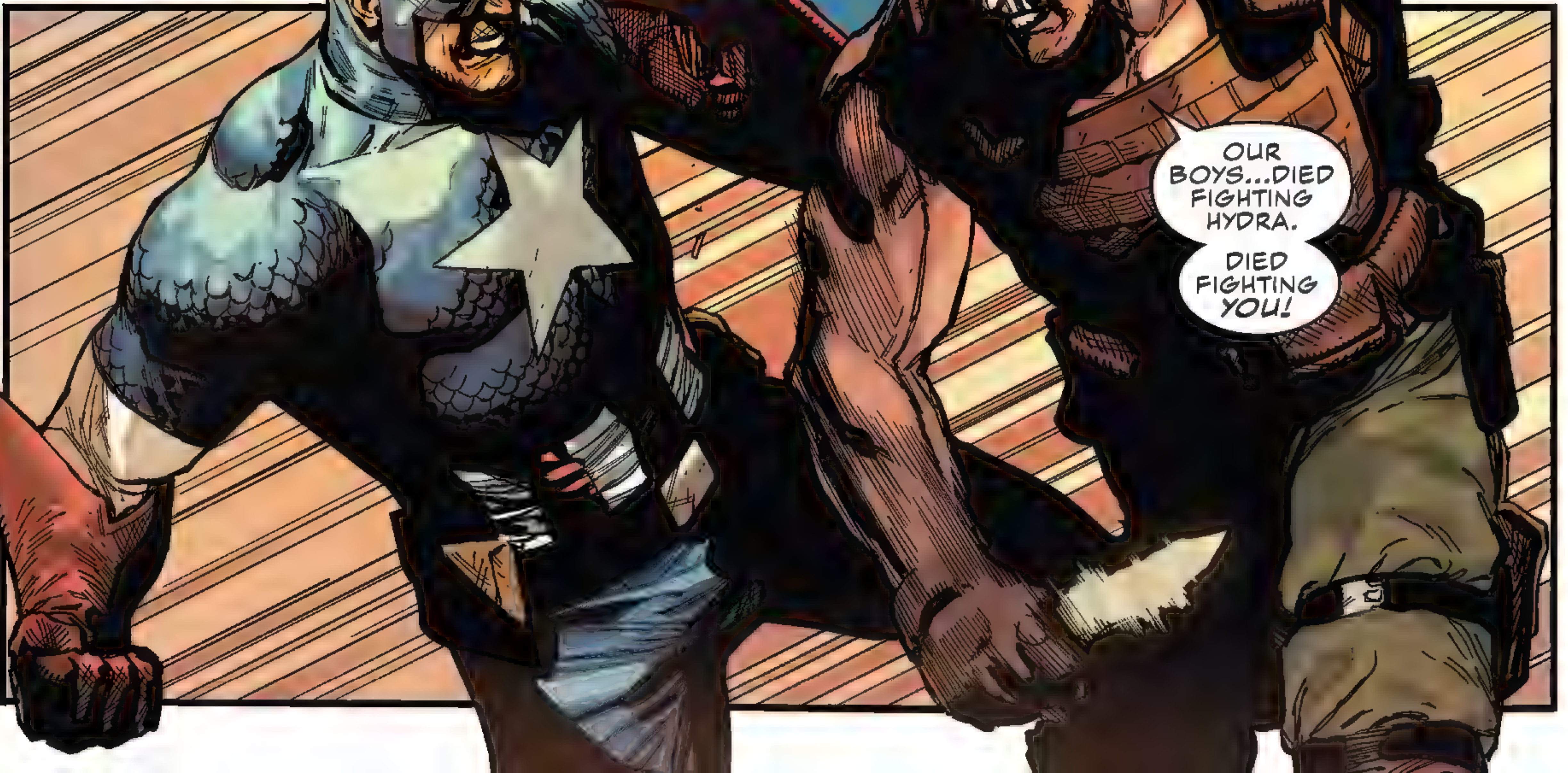
AND THEY
DID IT WITH
MY FACE



NO



THEY DID IT
WITH MORE
THAN MY FACE



OUR
BOYS...DIED
FIGHTING
HYDRA.
DIED
FIGHTING
YOU!



IT WAS MY
NEED TO BE
A HERO.

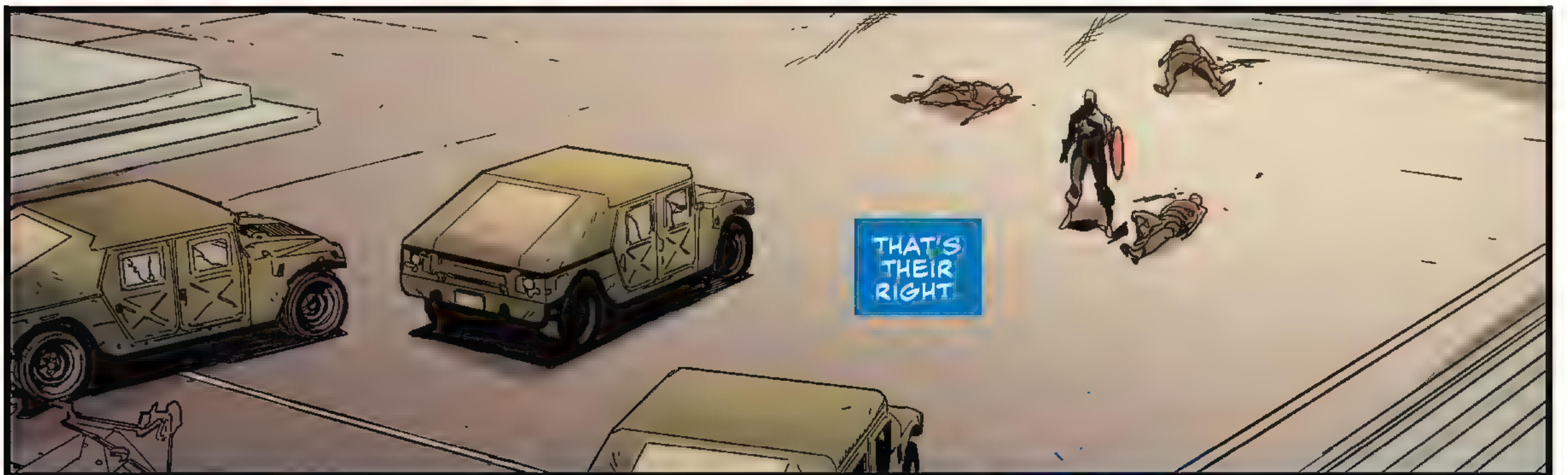


TO NEVER
AGAIN BE
WEAK.

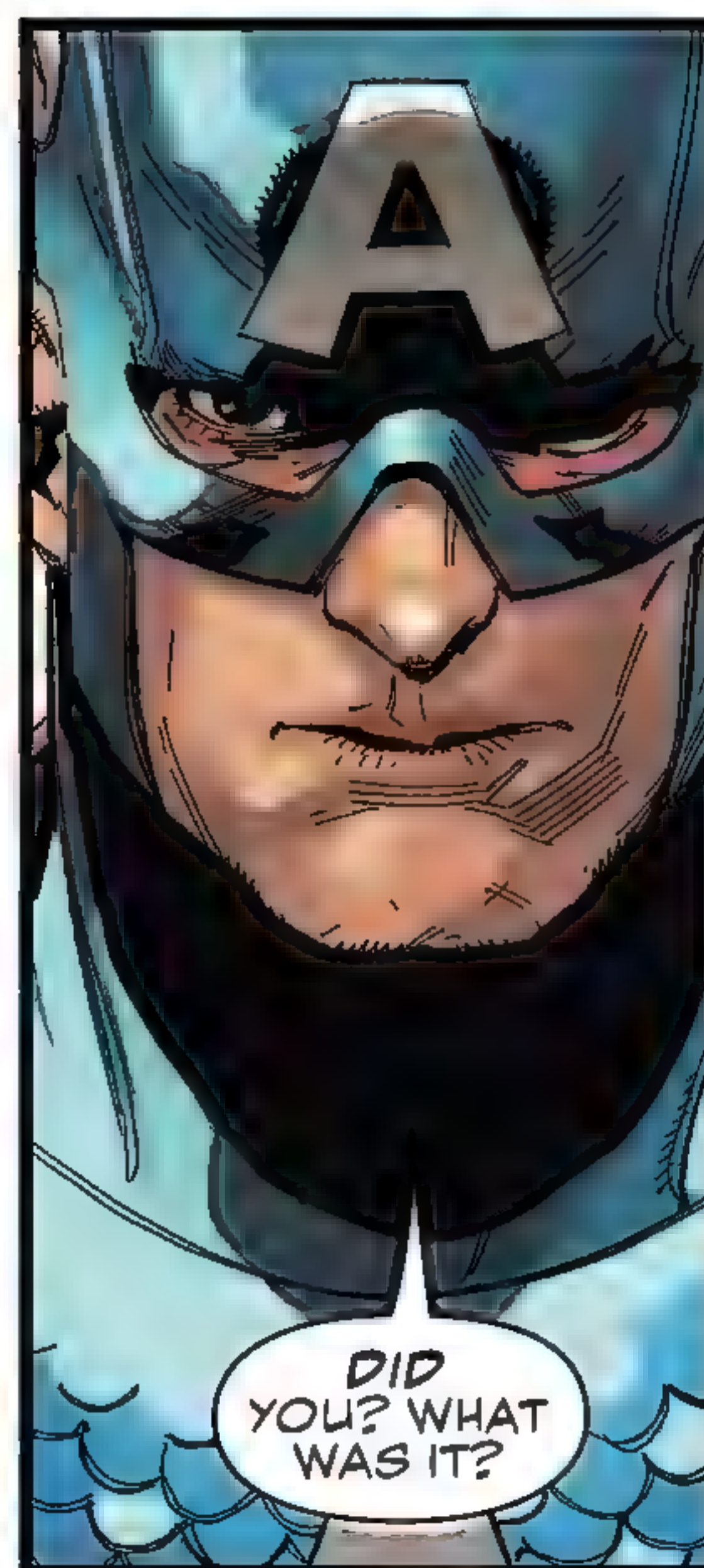
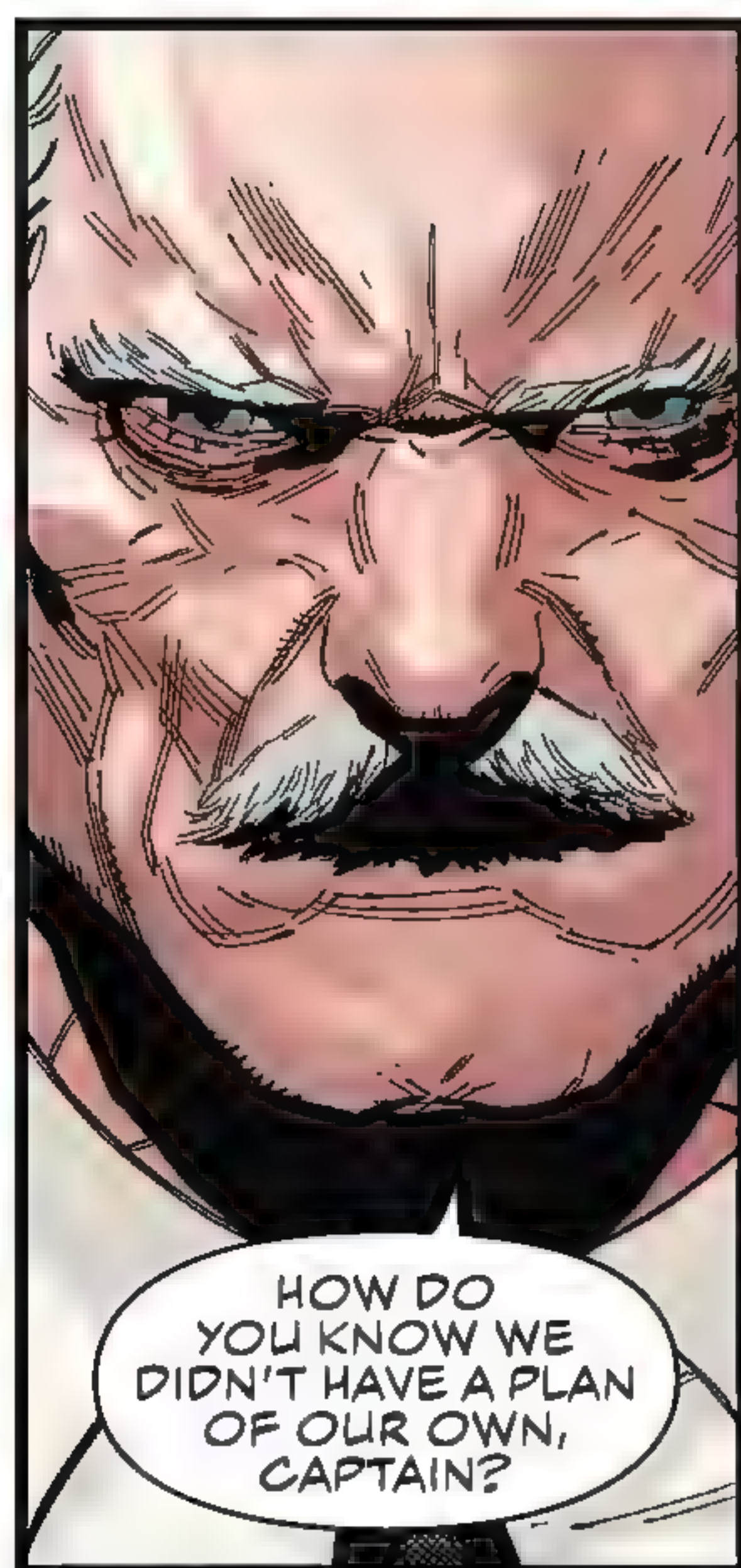
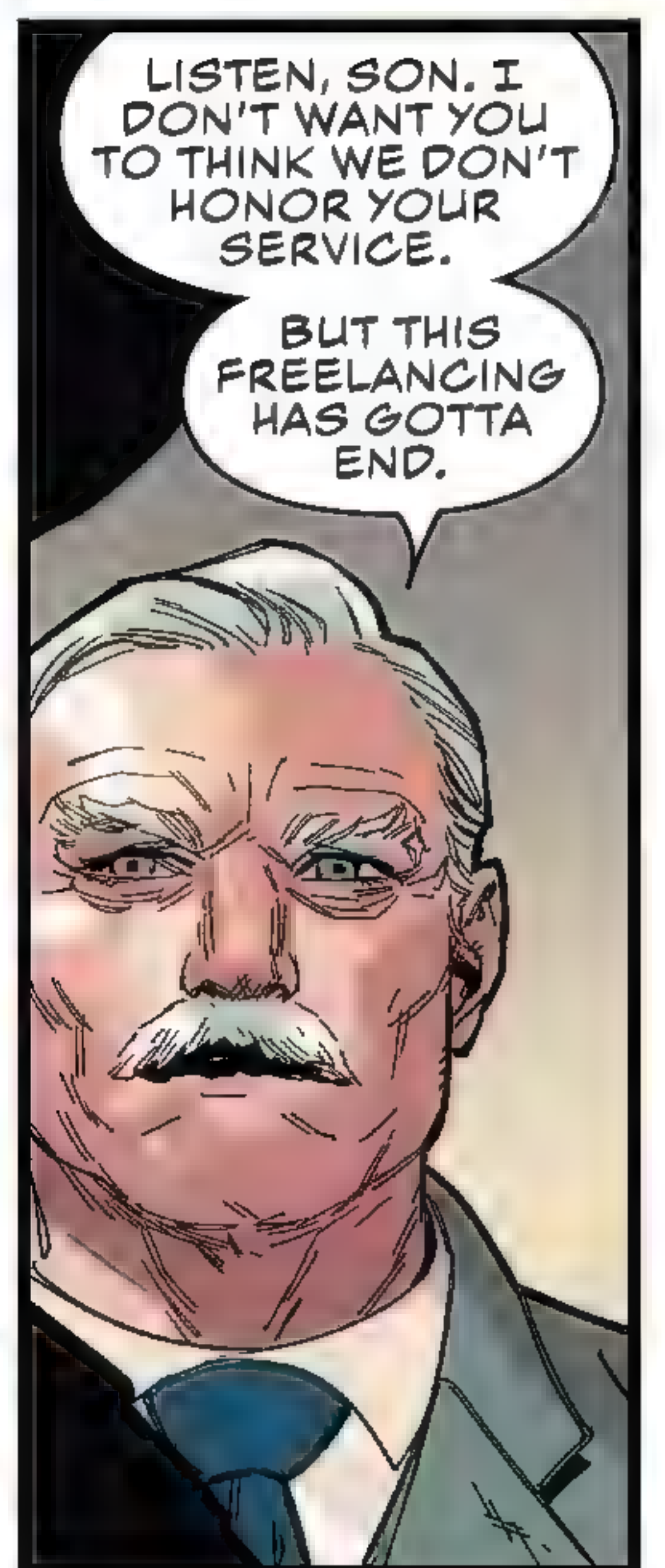
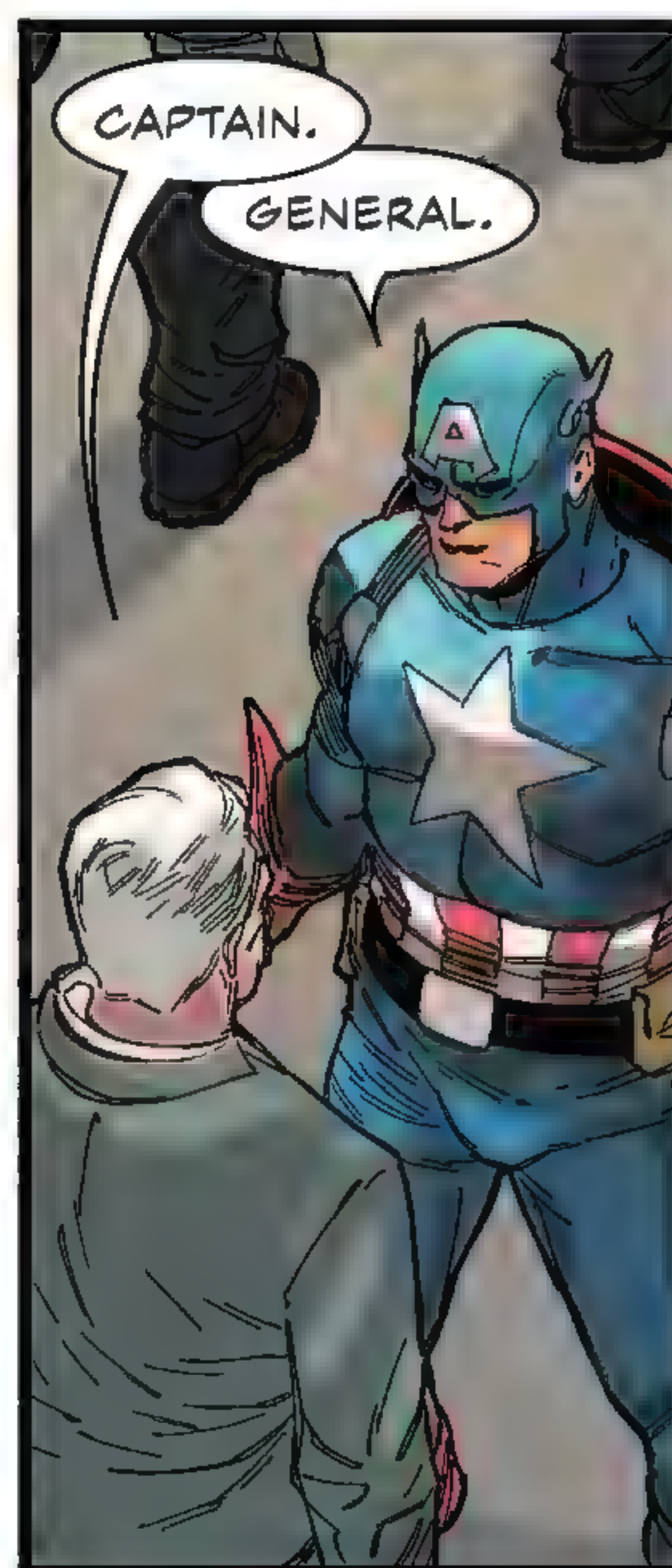
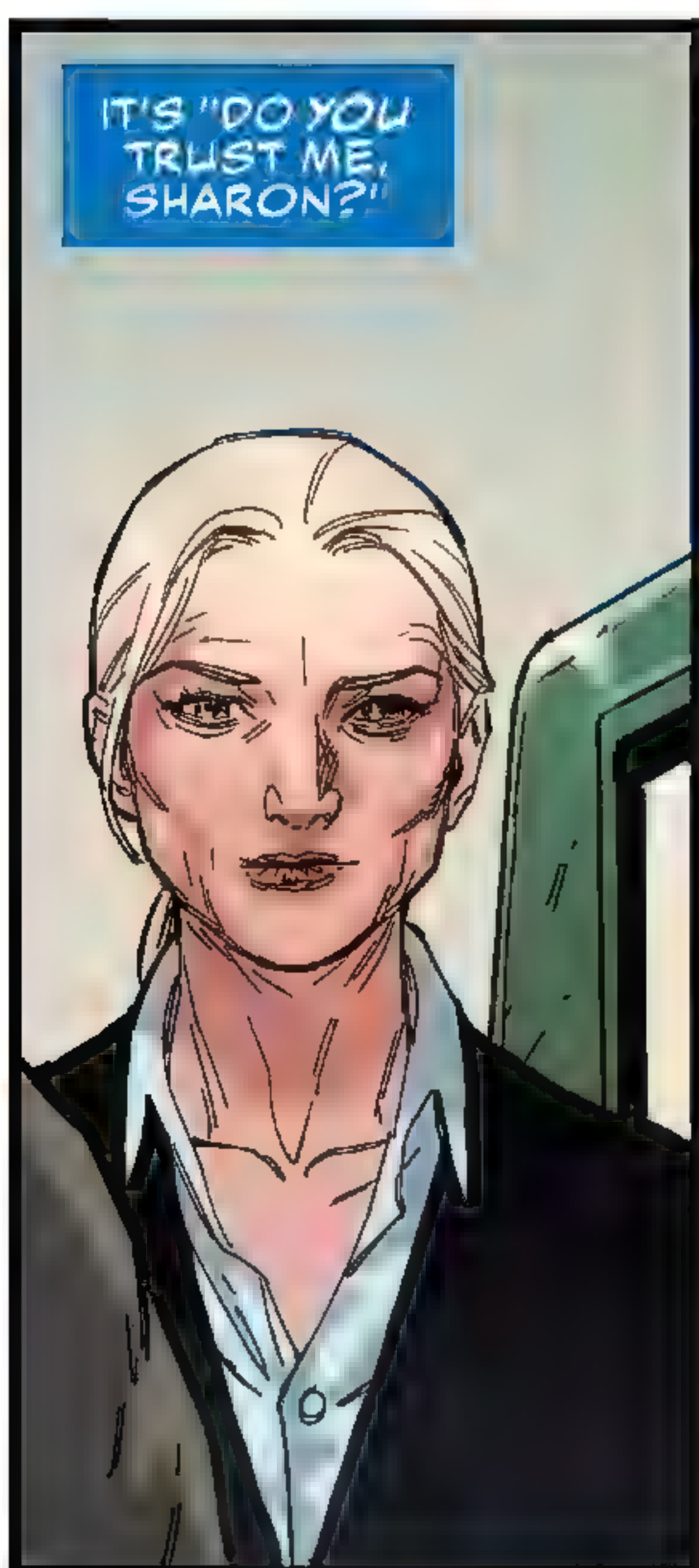


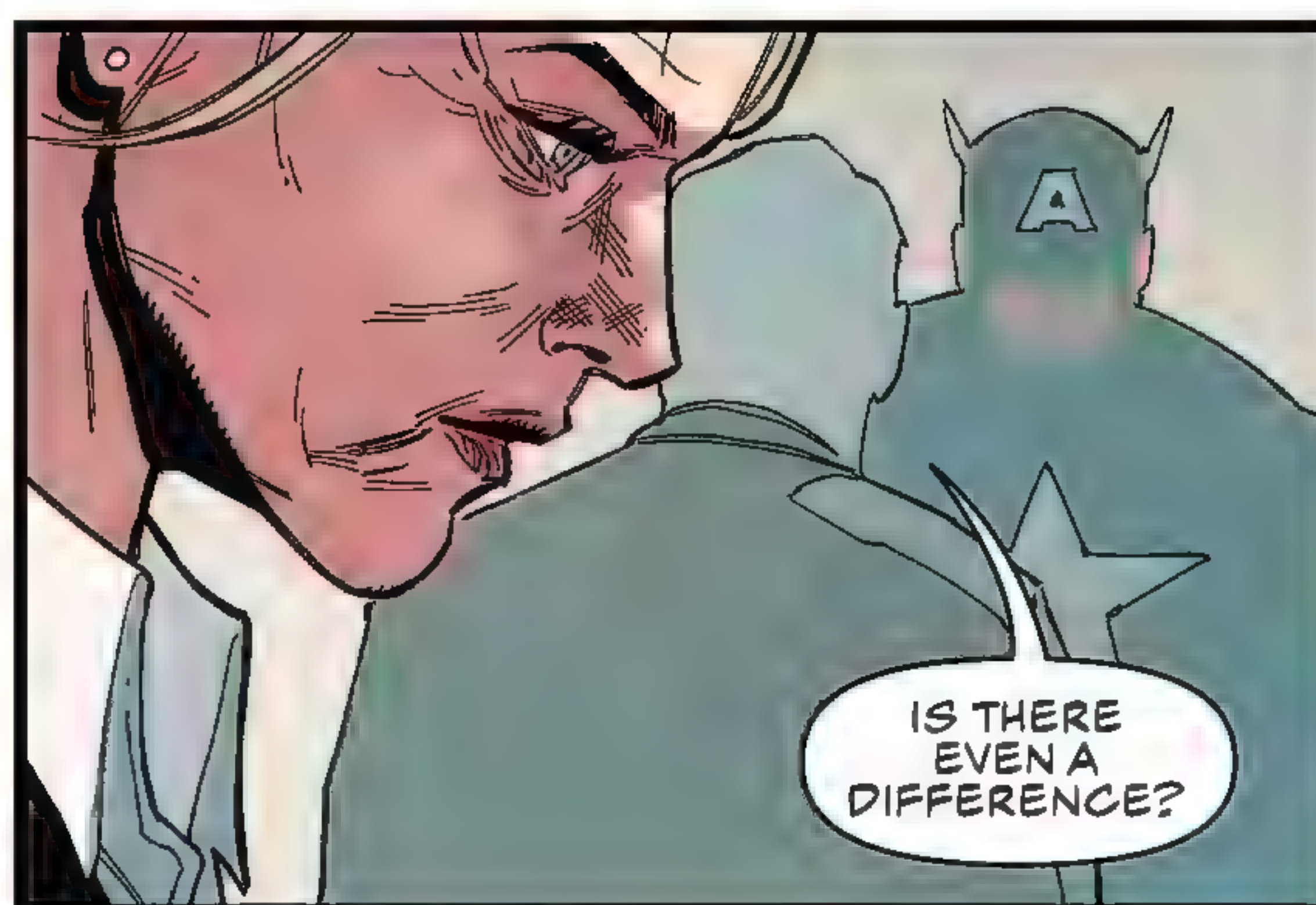
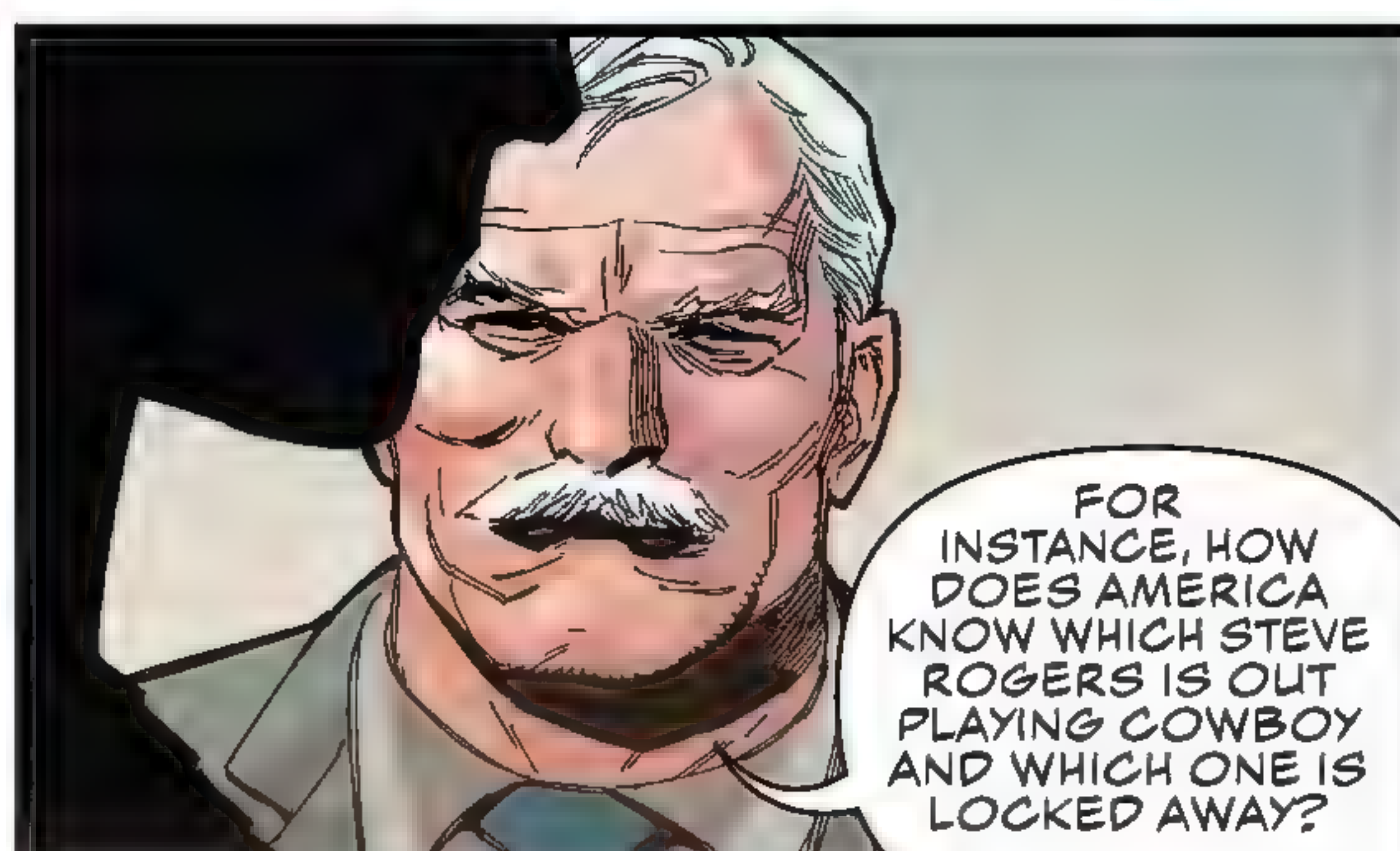
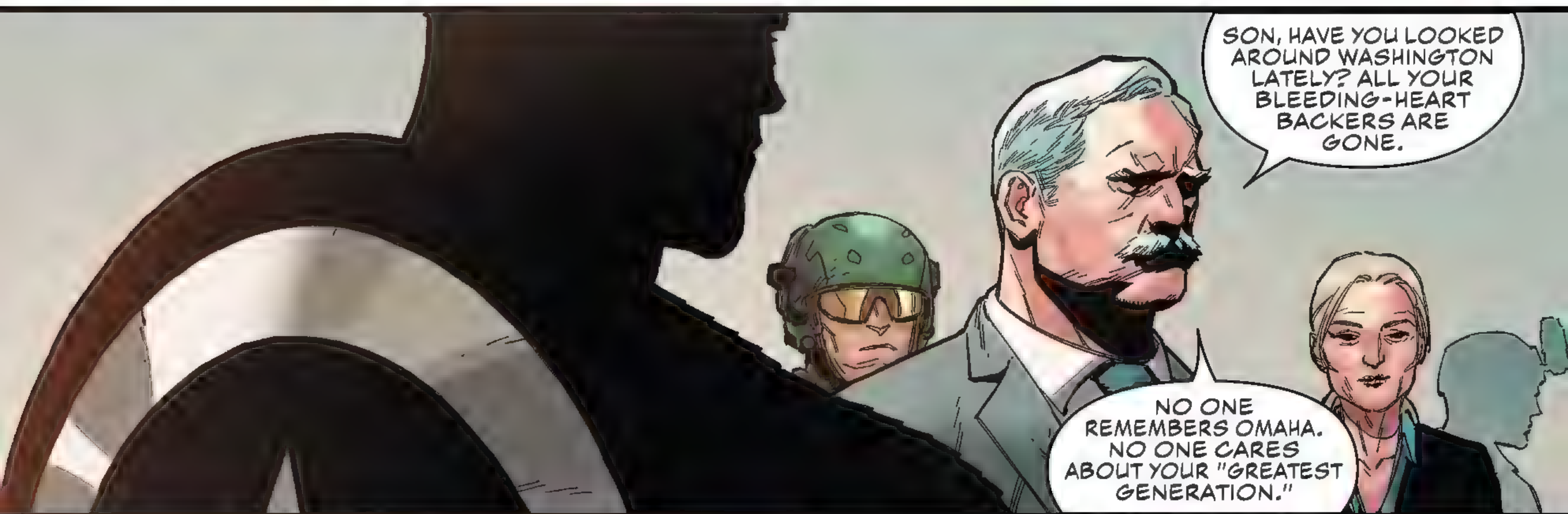
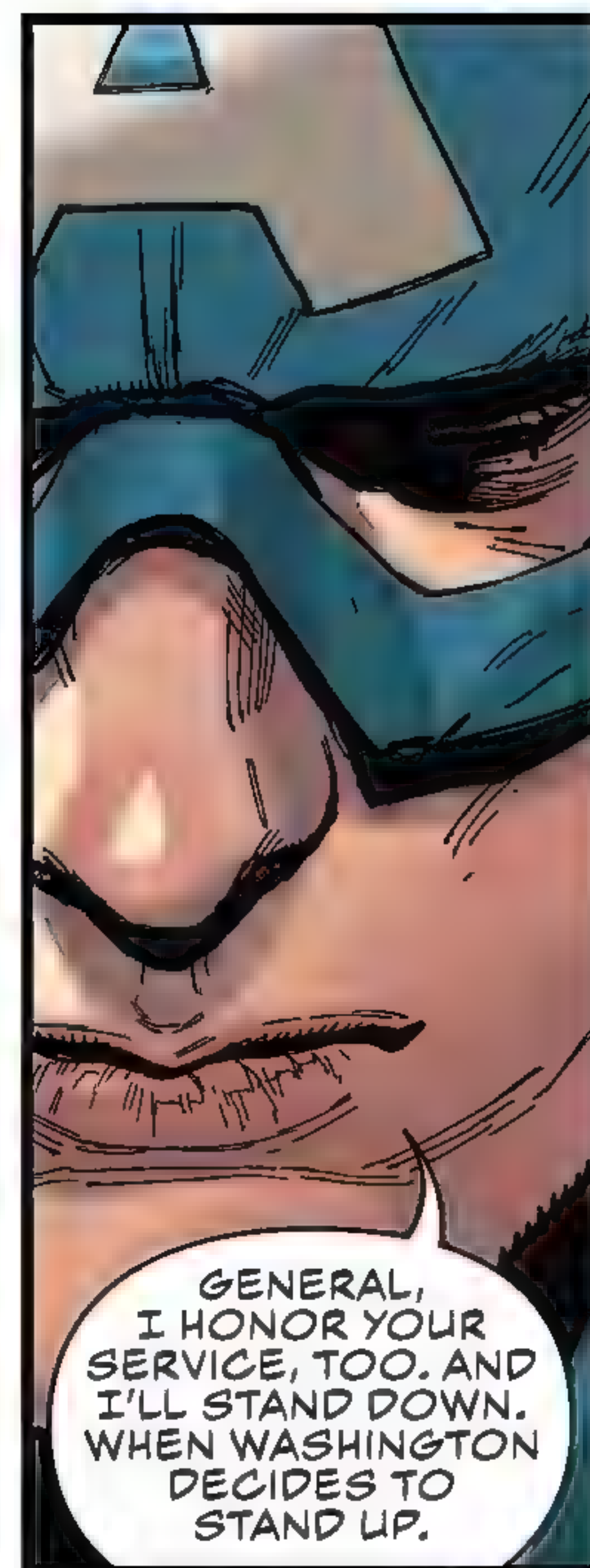
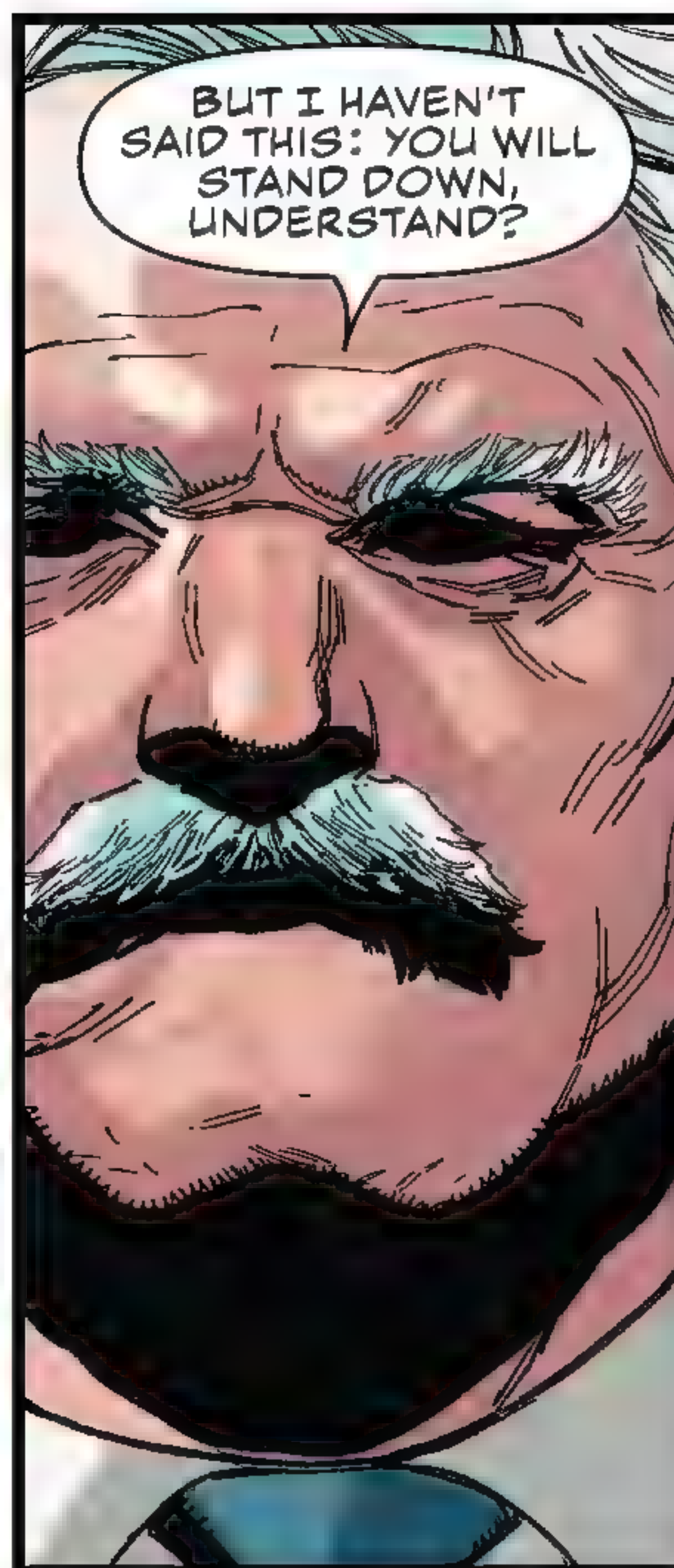
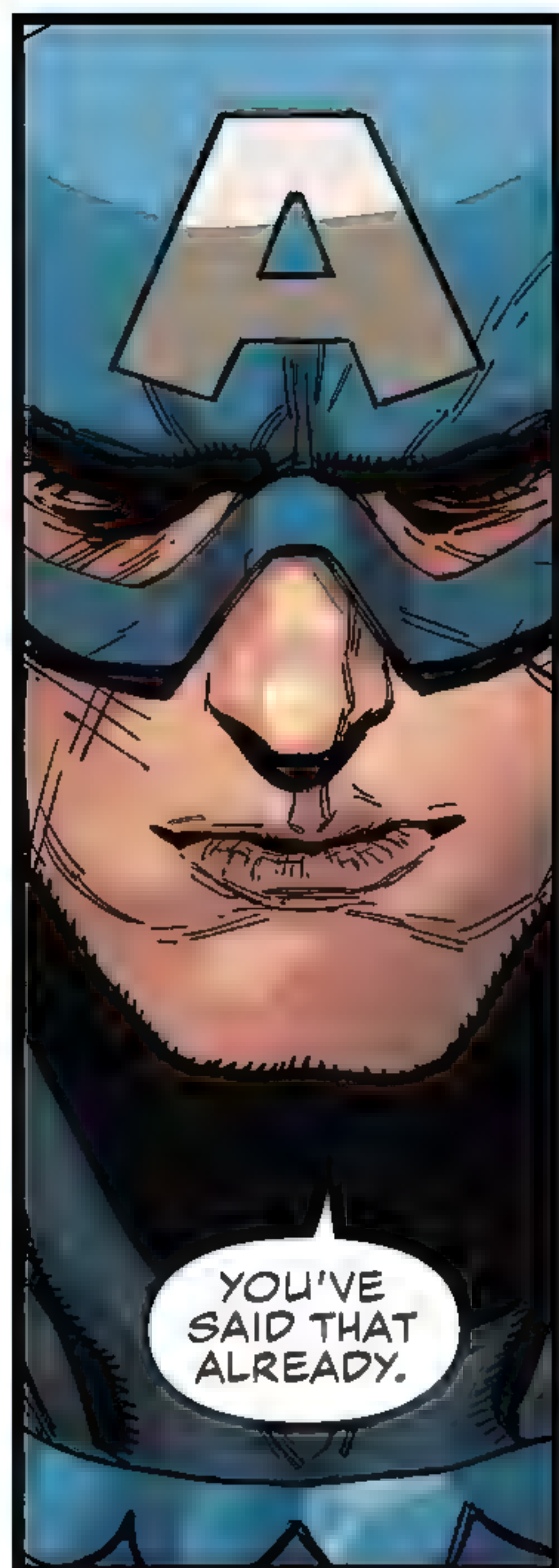
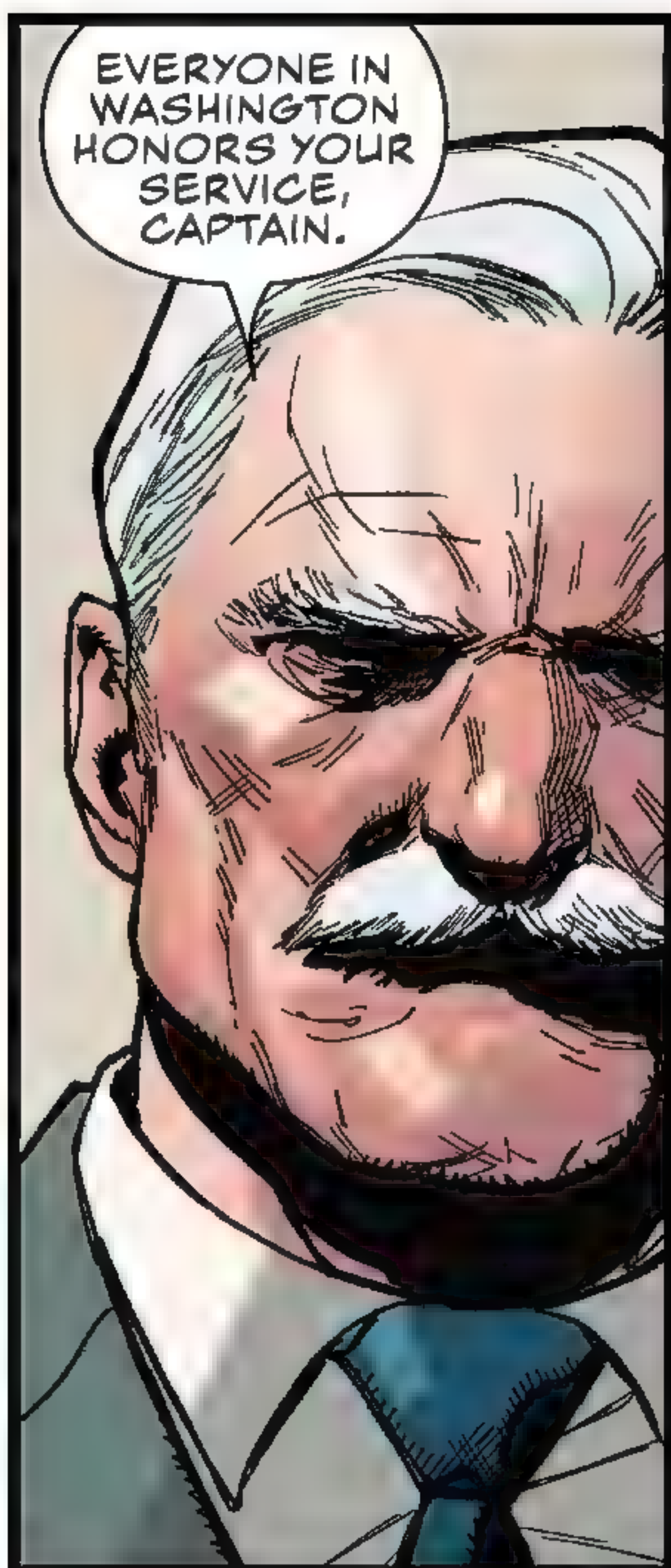
NOW I'VE RETURNED
TO A COUNTRY THAT'S
SEEN TOO MUCH.

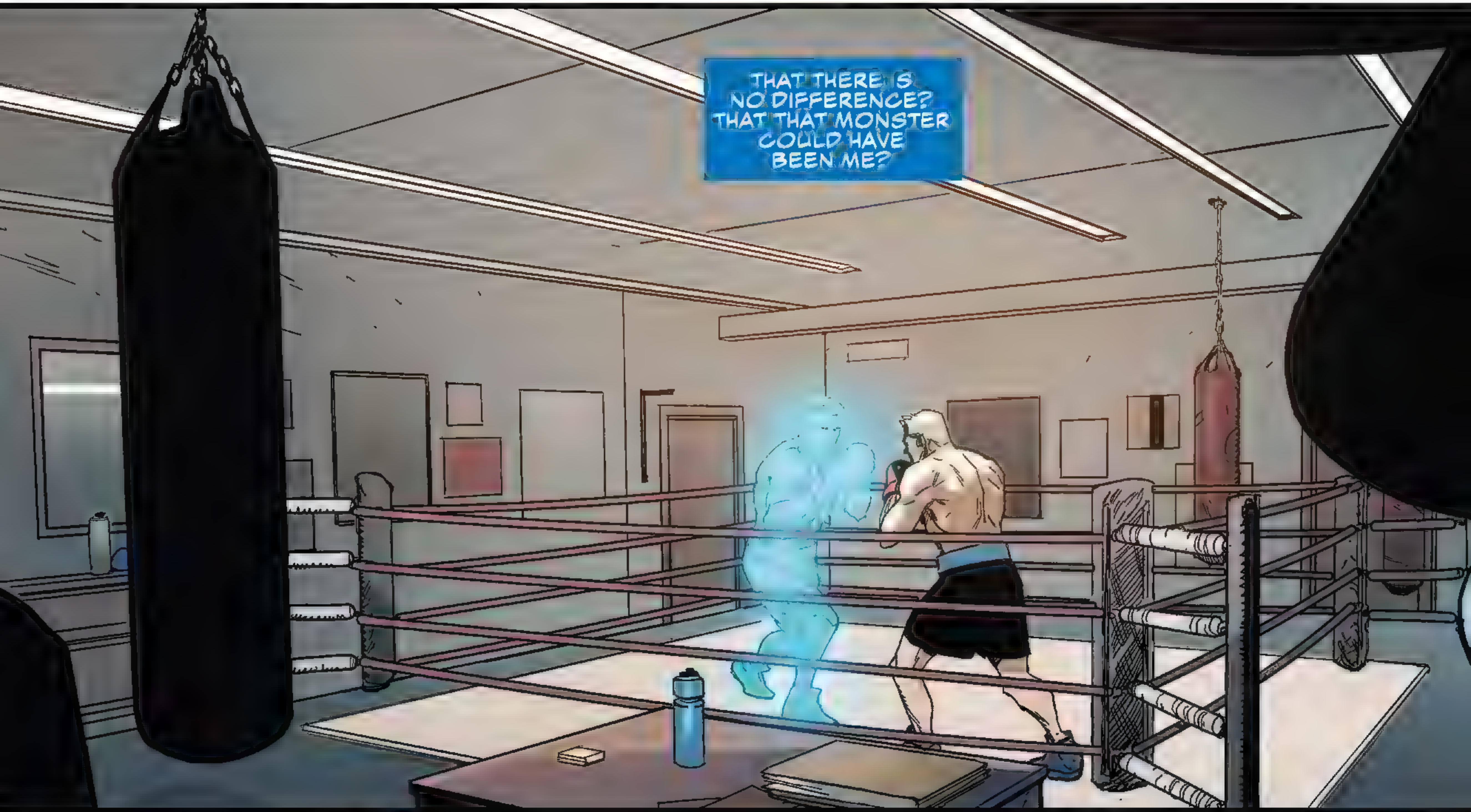
THEY DON'T
TRUST ME
ANYMORE.

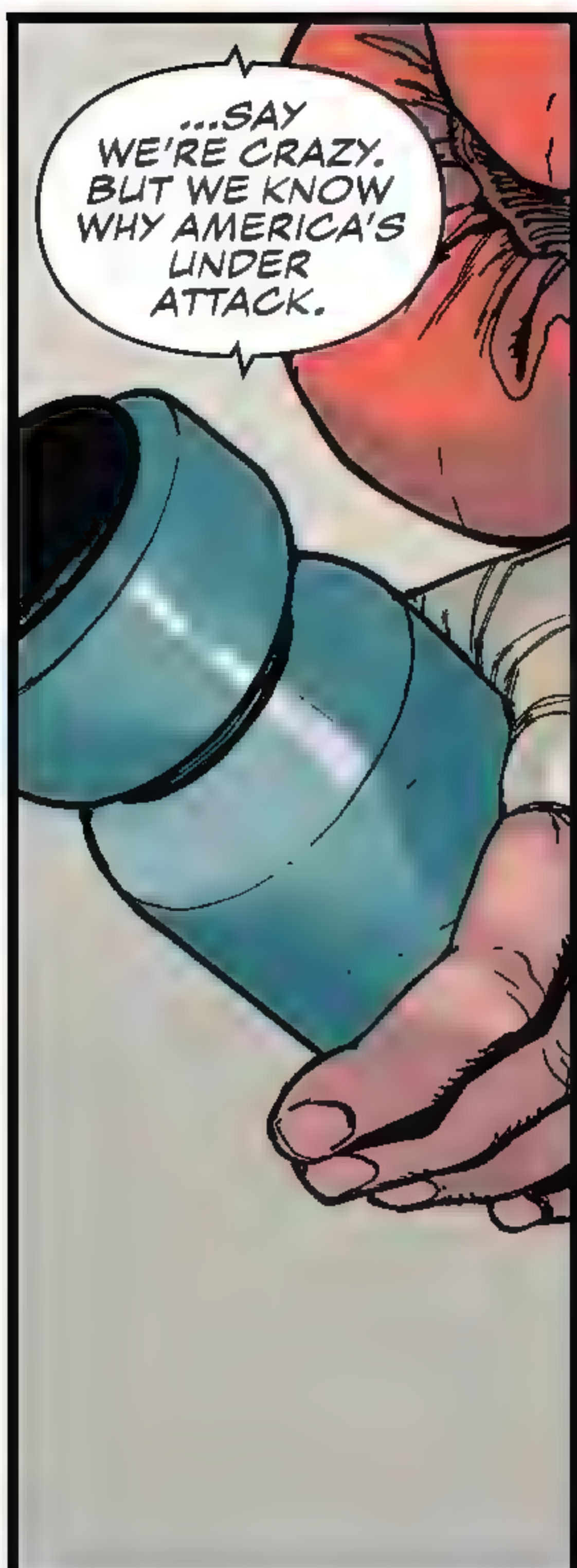
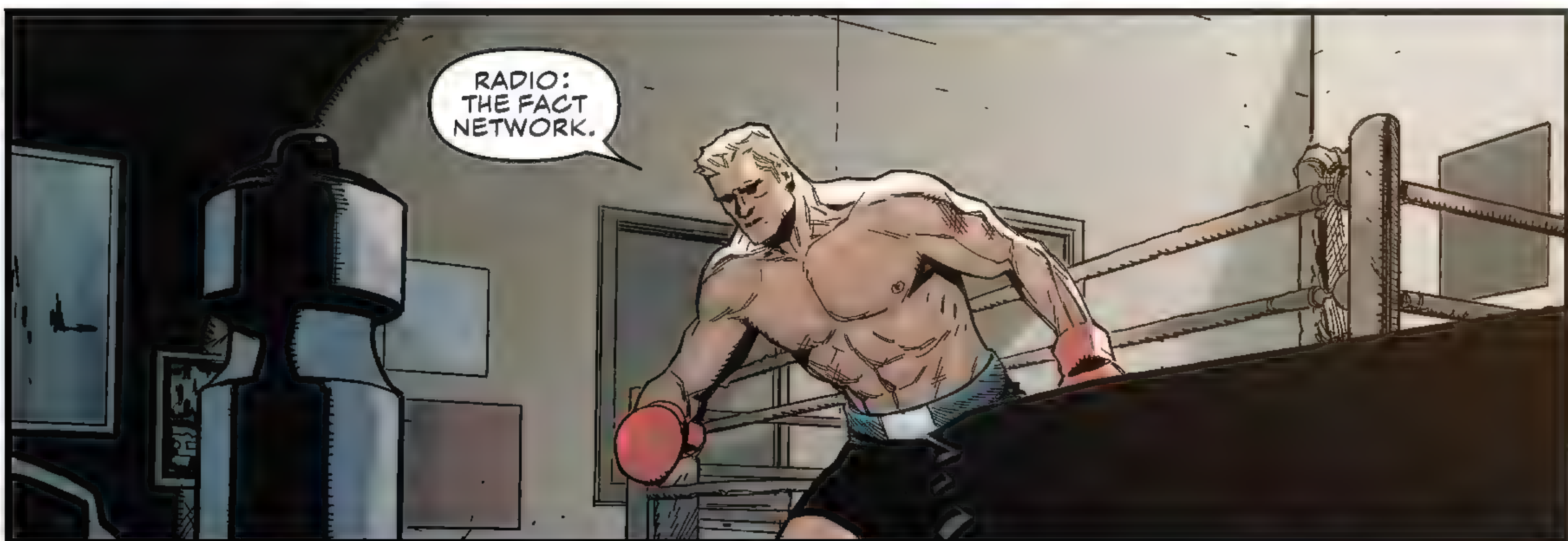
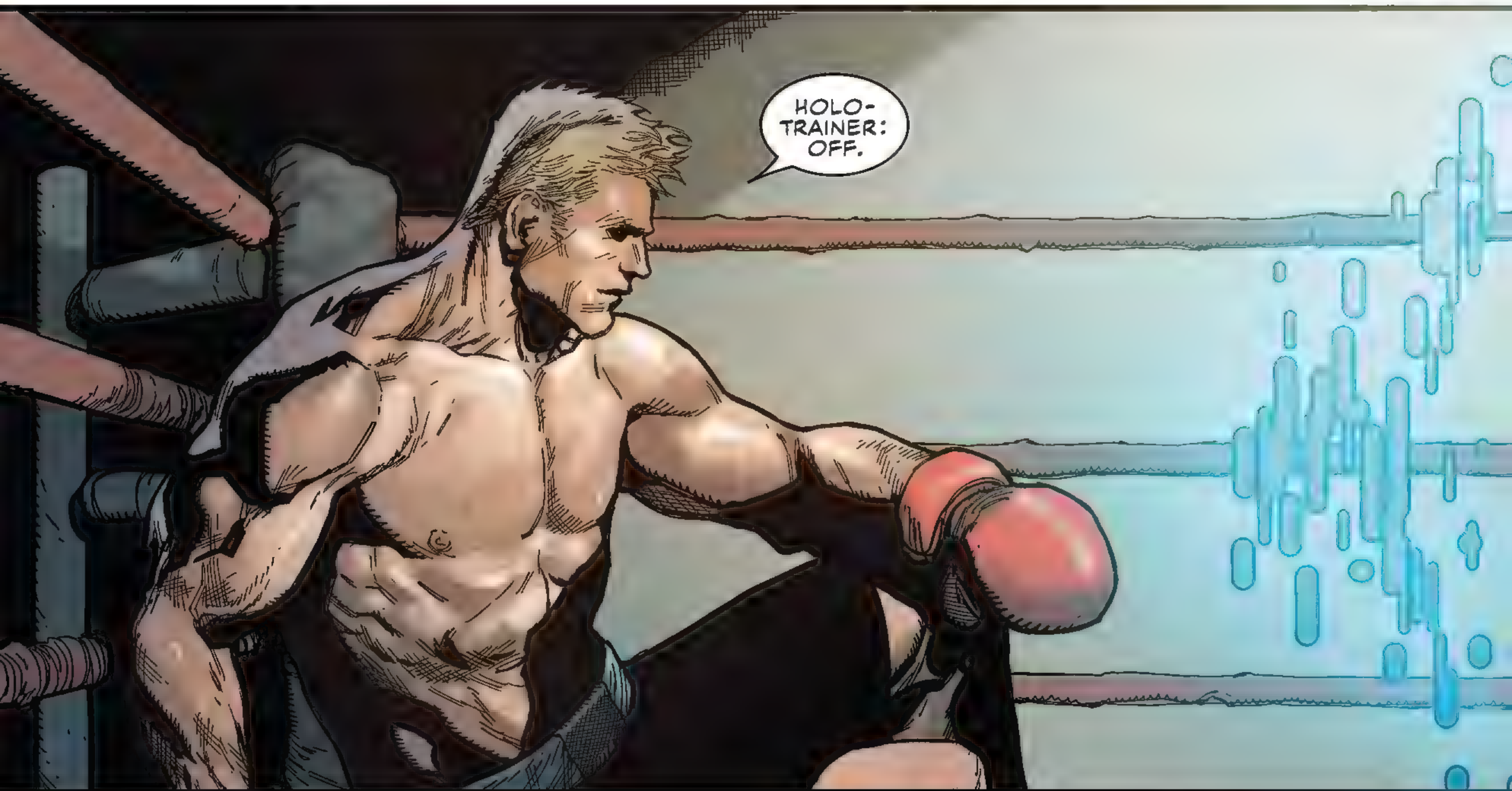


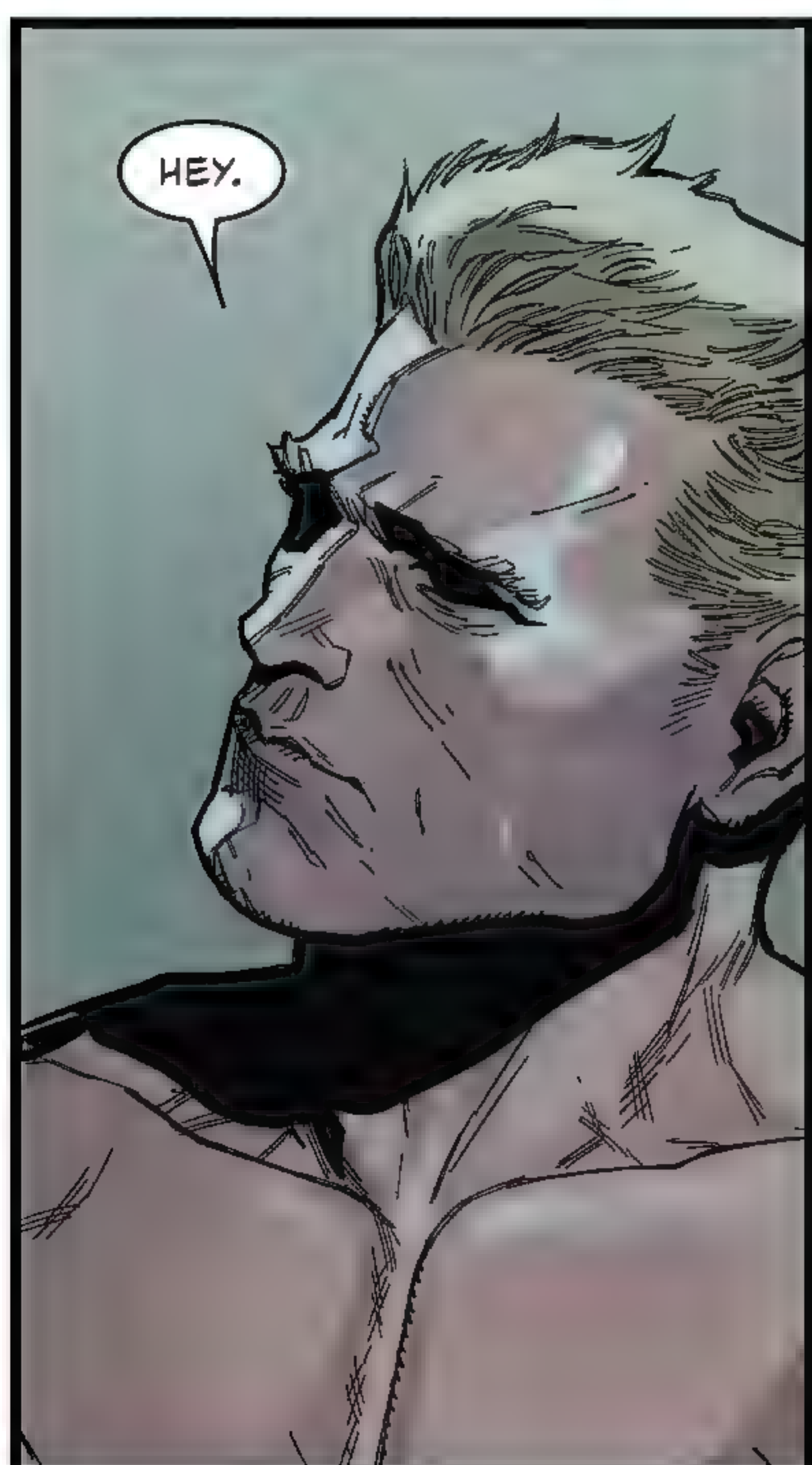
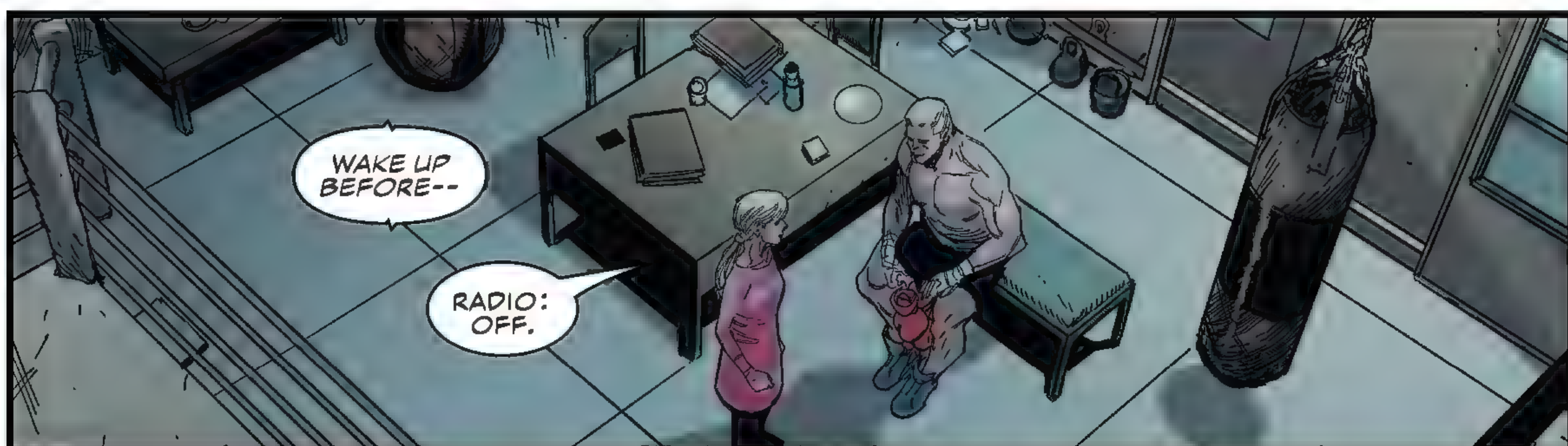
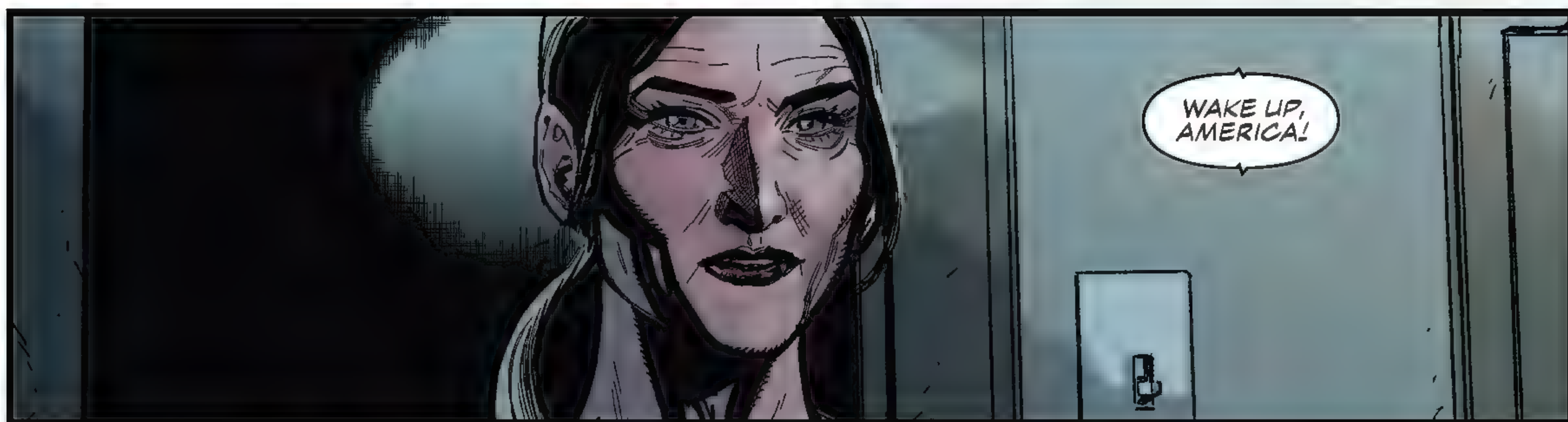
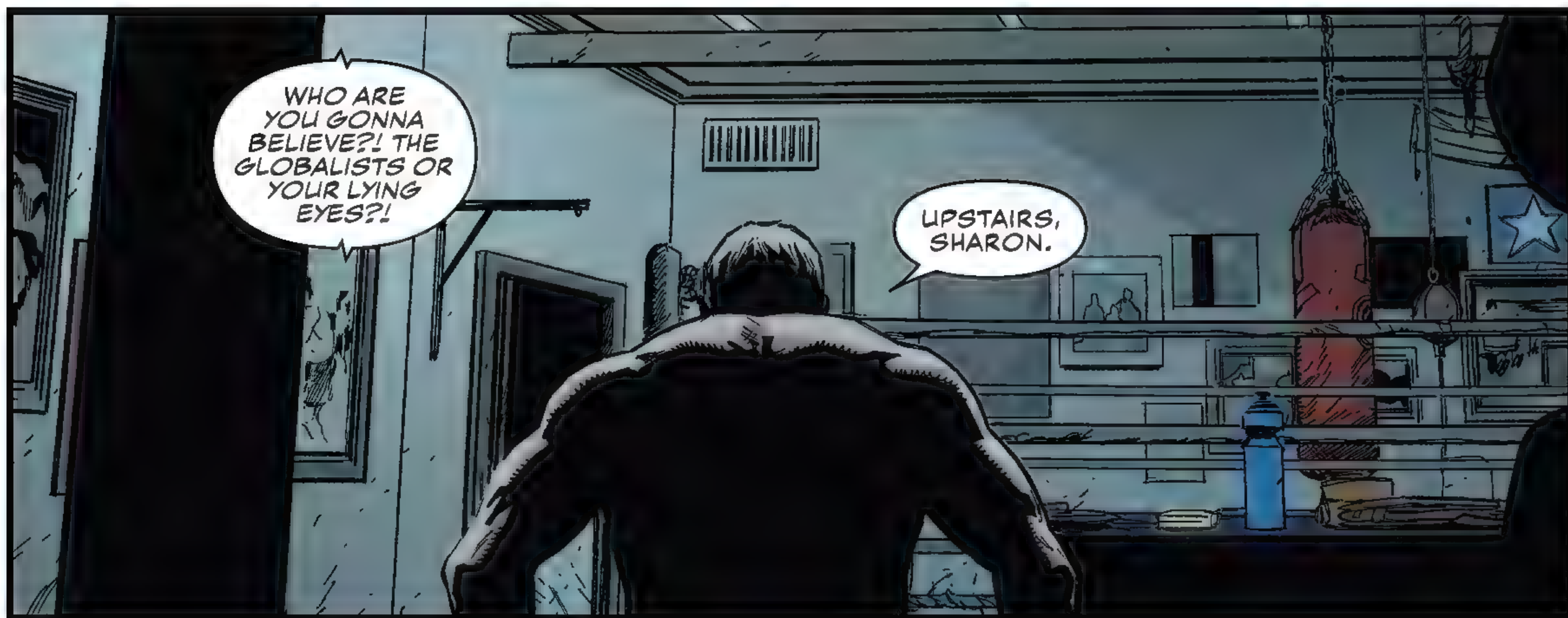
THAT'S
THEIR
RIGHT







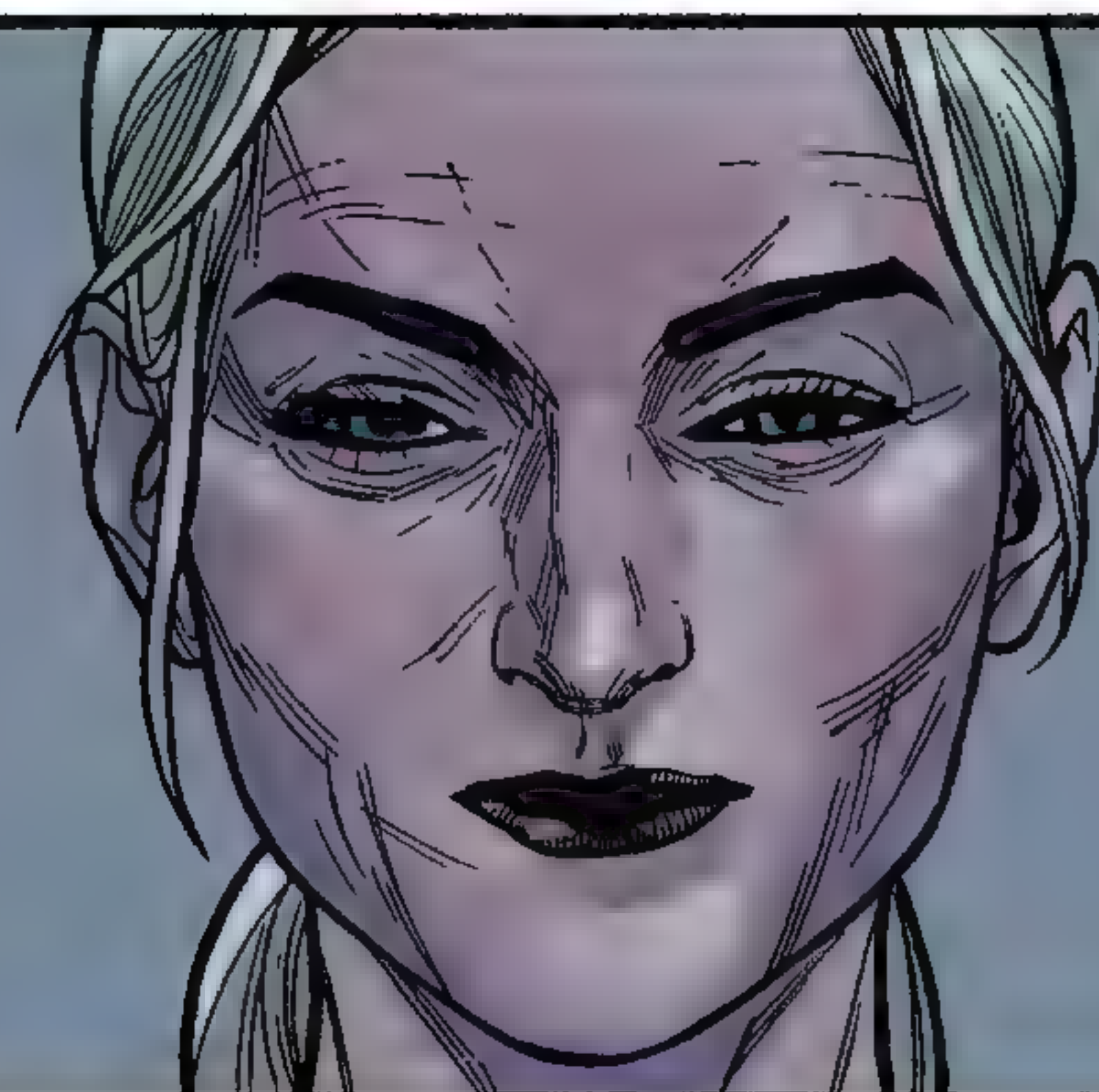






I DON'T KNOW WHY YOU PAY ANY ATTENTION TO THAT STUFF.

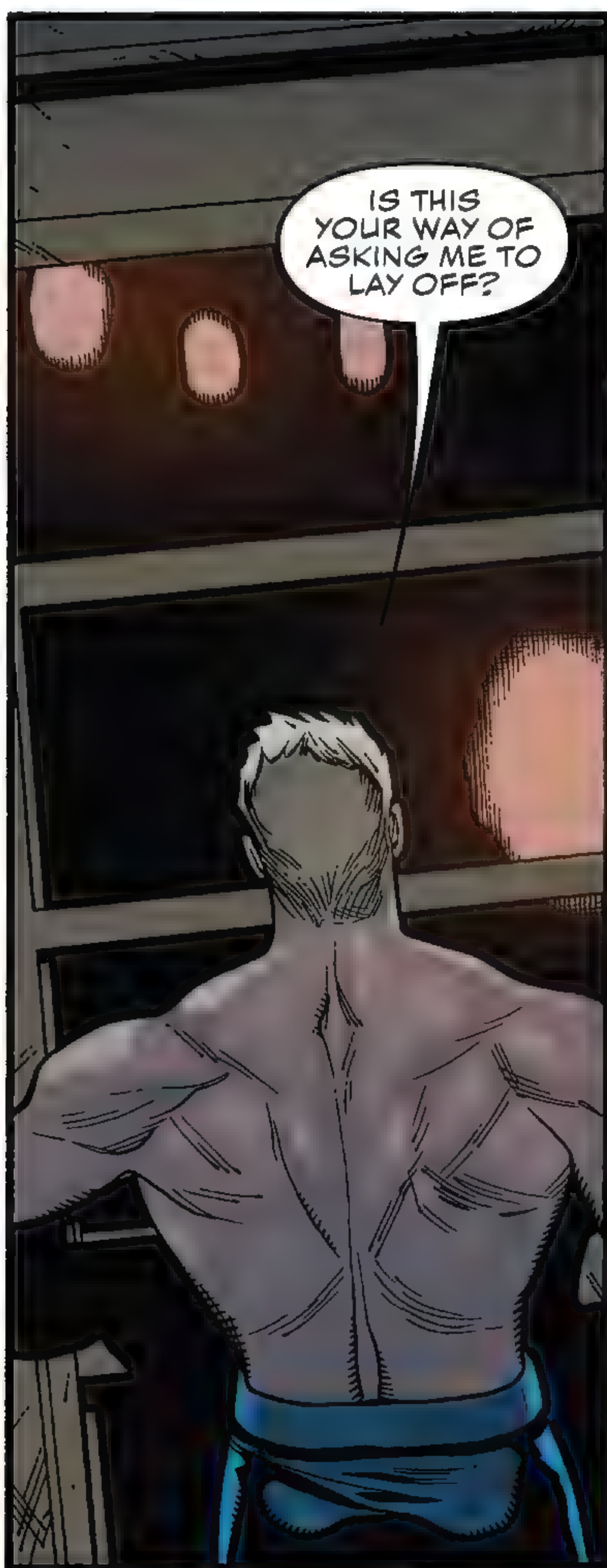
WELL, IT SEEMS LIKE "THAT STUFF" IS ALL OVER WASHINGTON THESE DAYS.



YOU MEAN ROSS? HE'S GOT ALL KINDS OF KOOKY THEORIES. BUT HE'S TRYING.

AND HE REALLY DID FIGHT HYDRA. PERSONALLY LED THOSE SNAKE-BUSTERS INTO COMBAT.

TO BE HONEST, HE'S A GOOD BOSS.



IS THIS YOUR WAY OF ASKING ME TO LAY OFF?

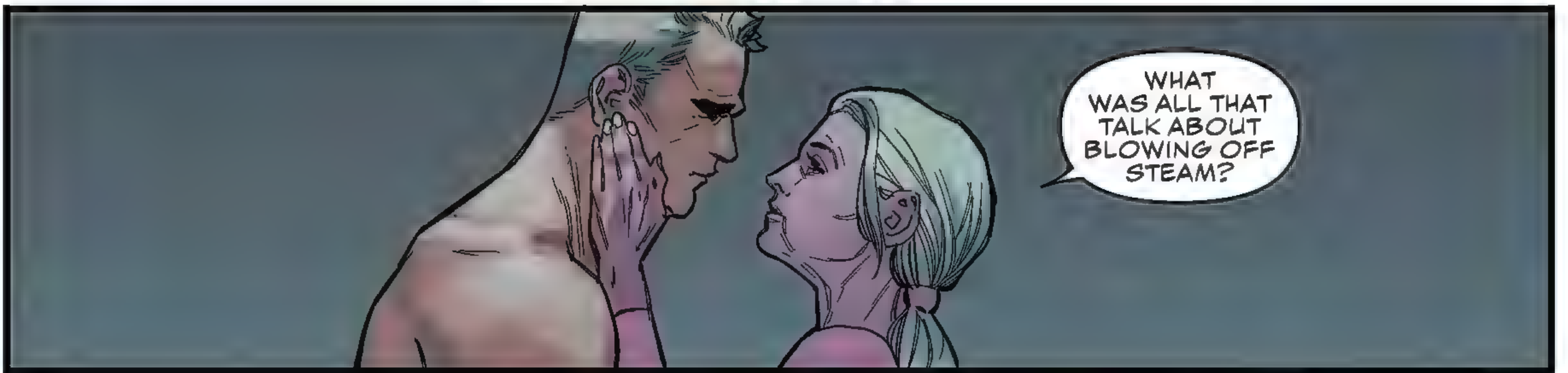
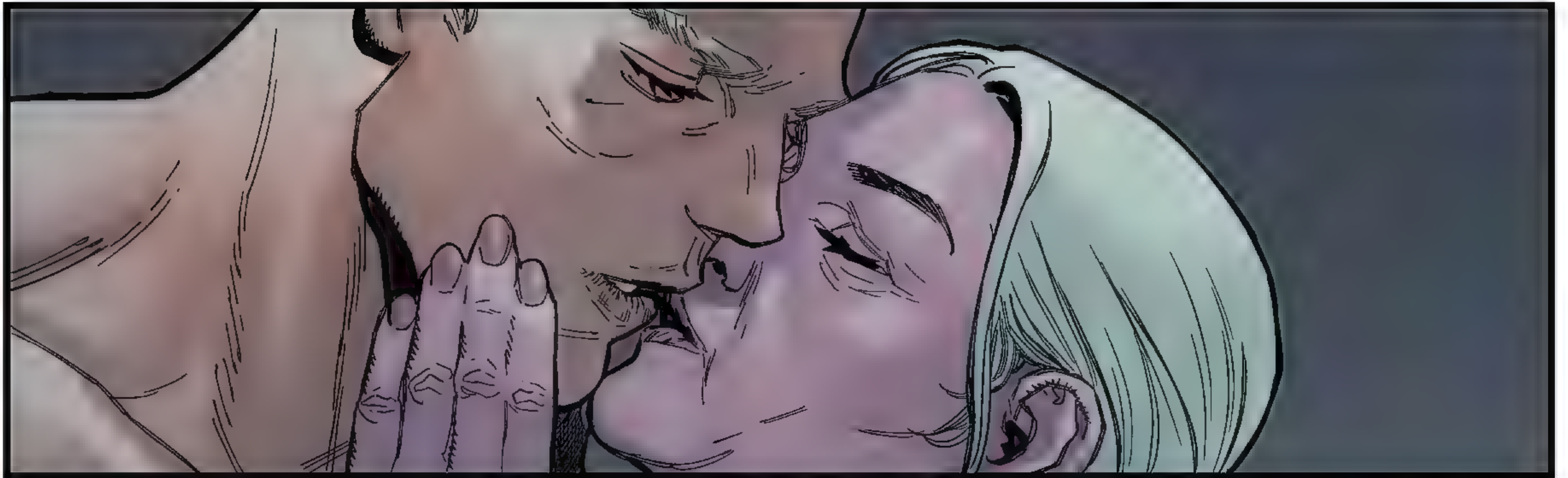
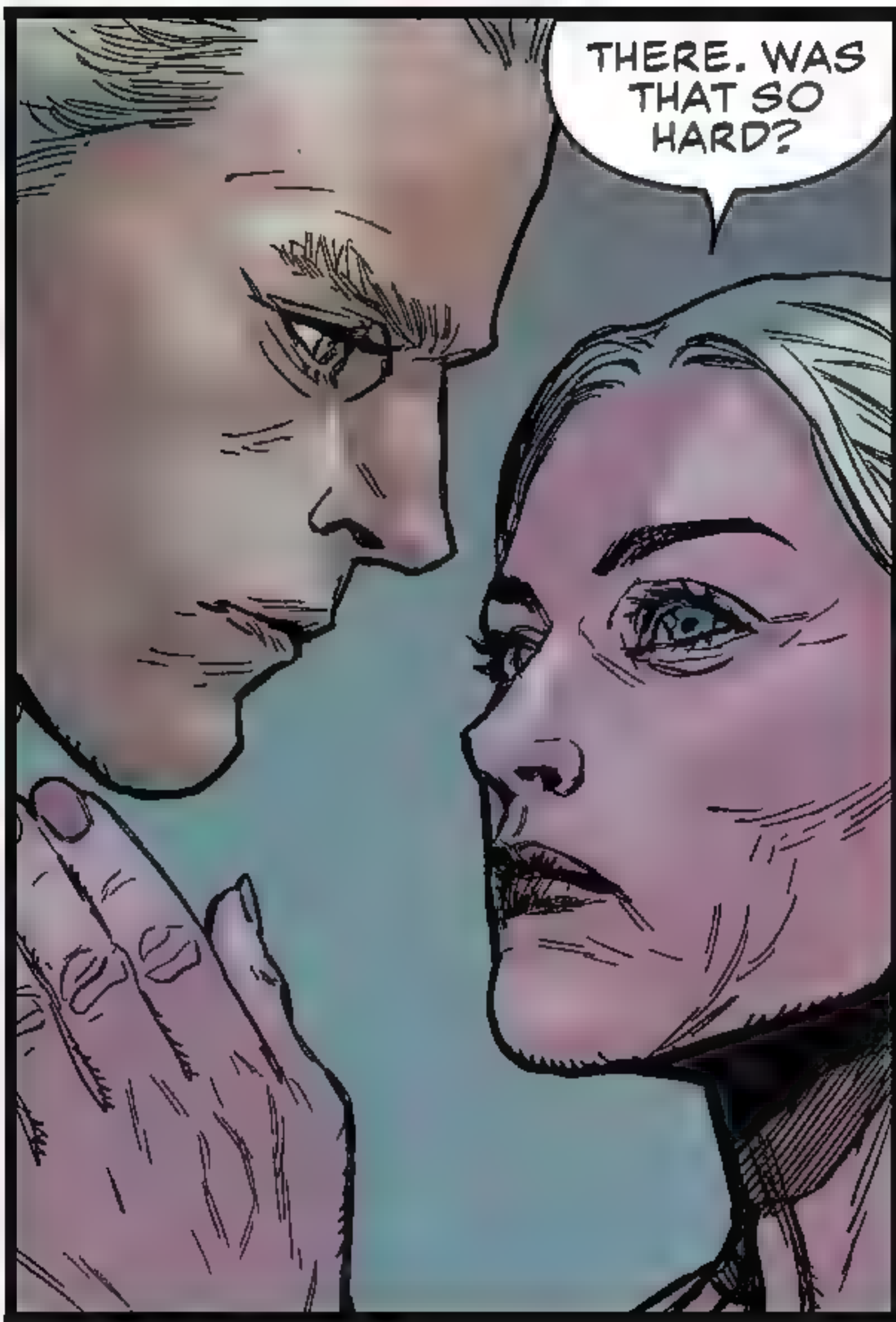
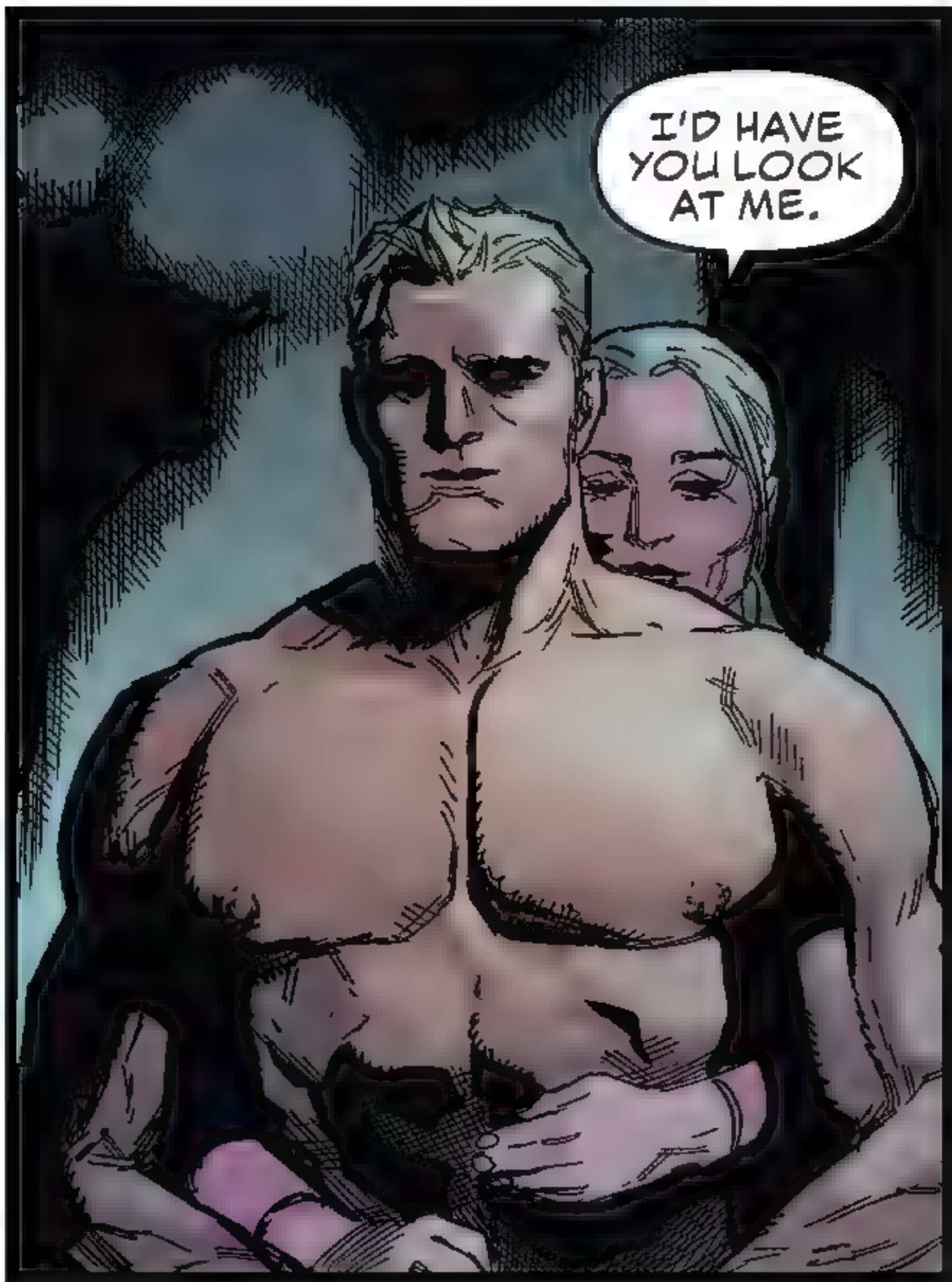
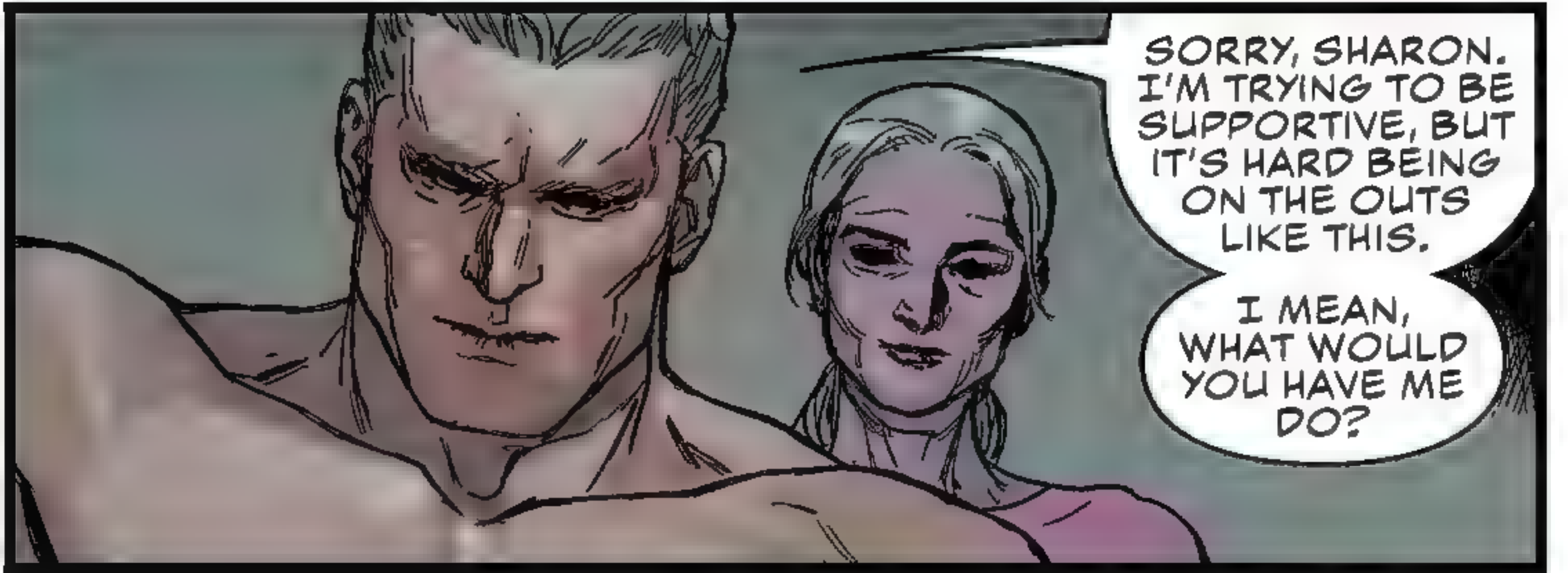
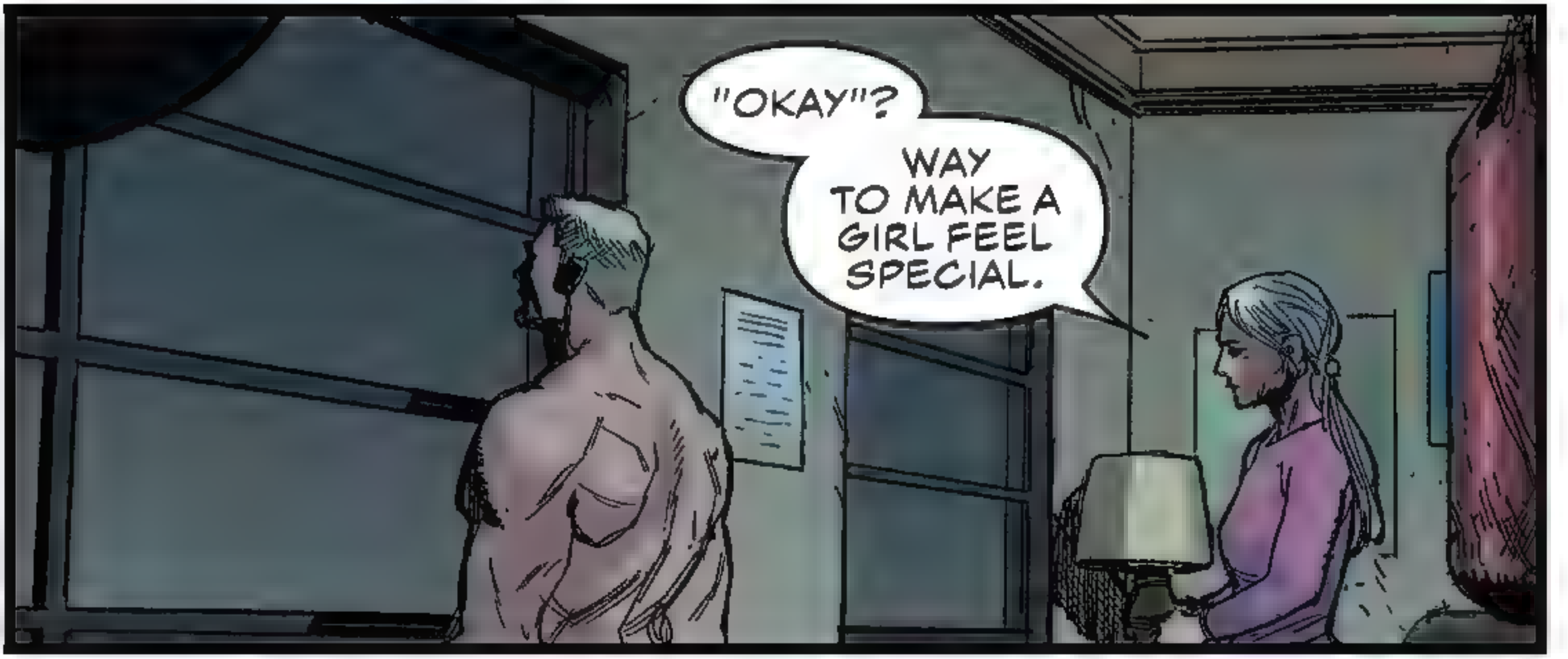
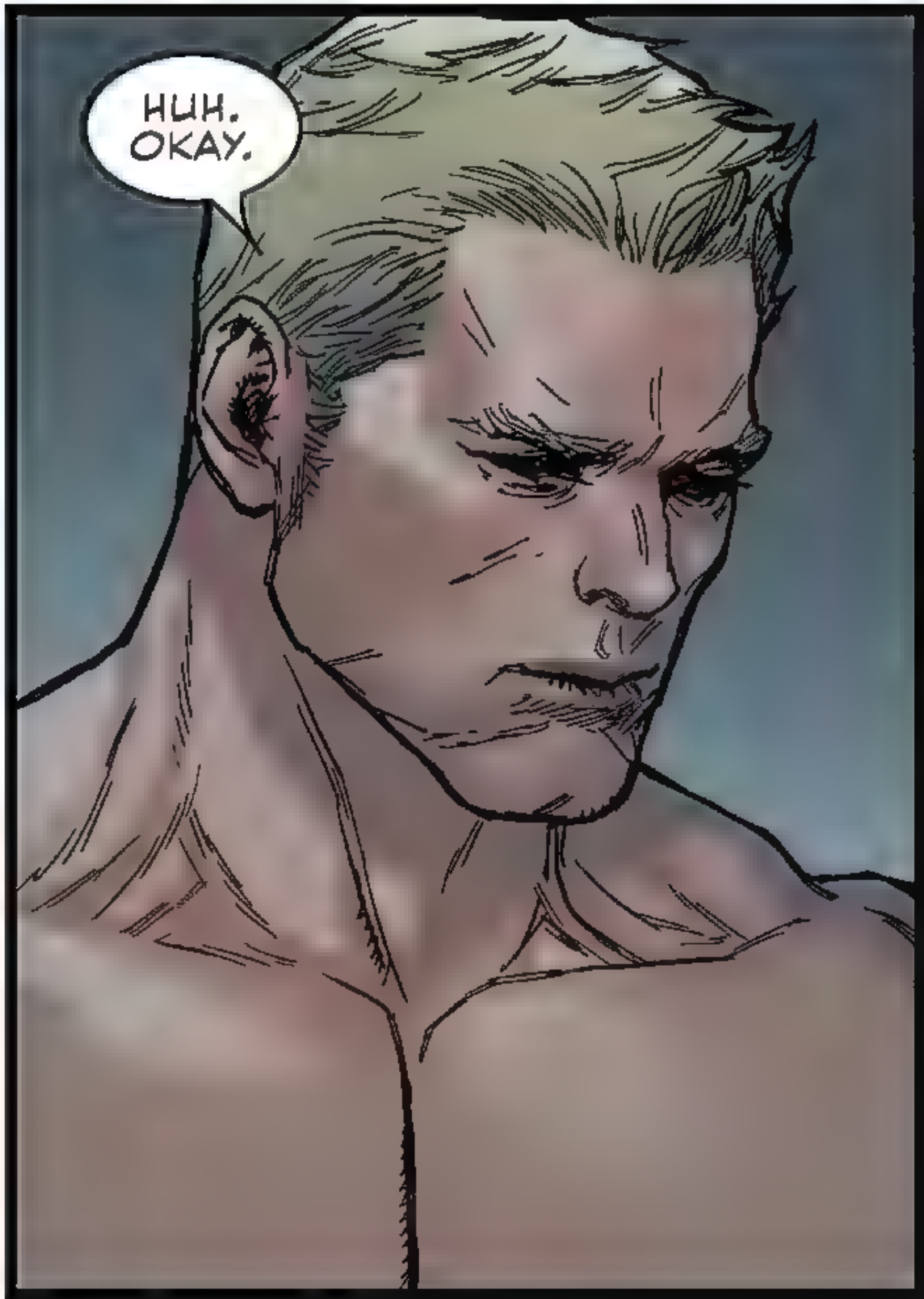


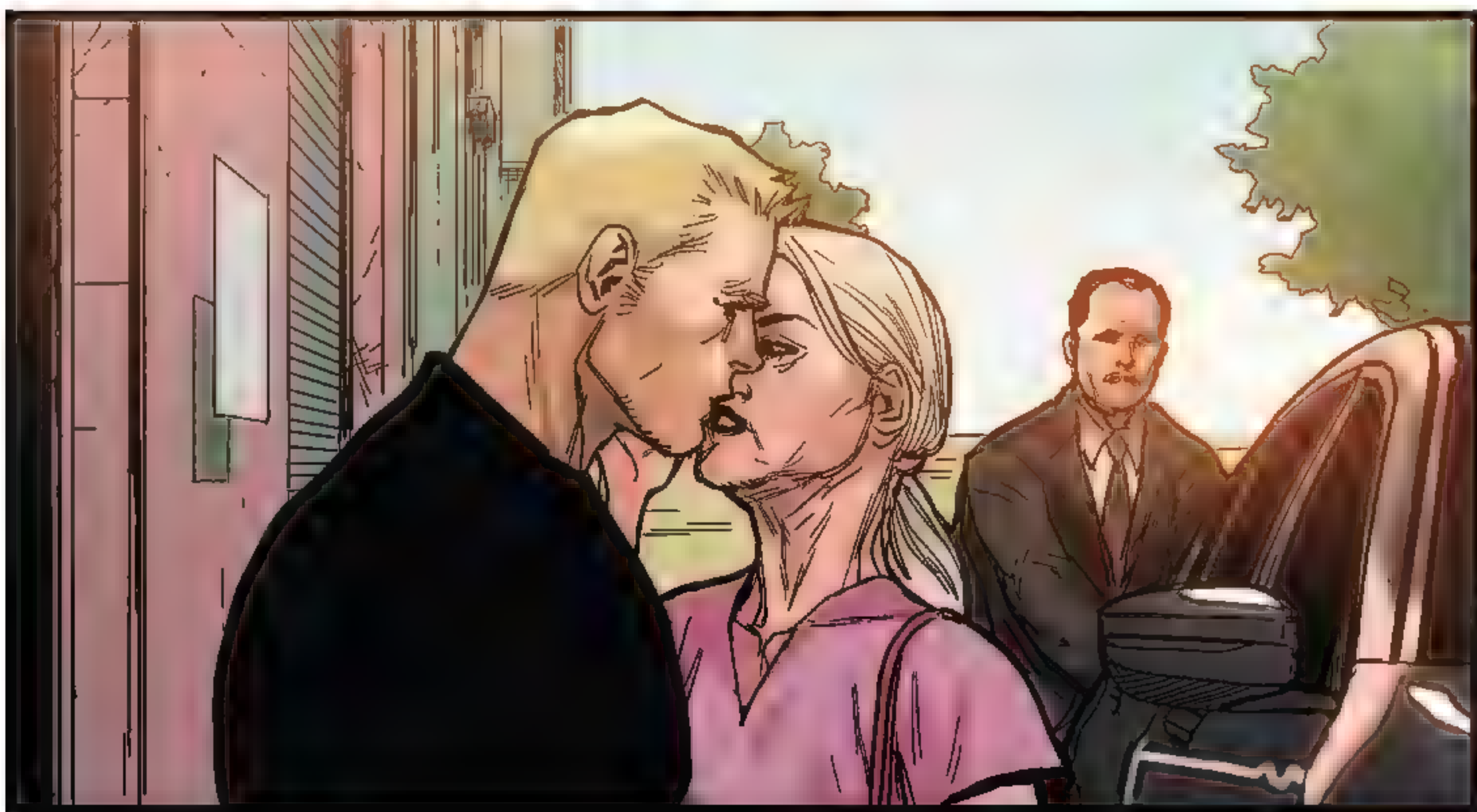
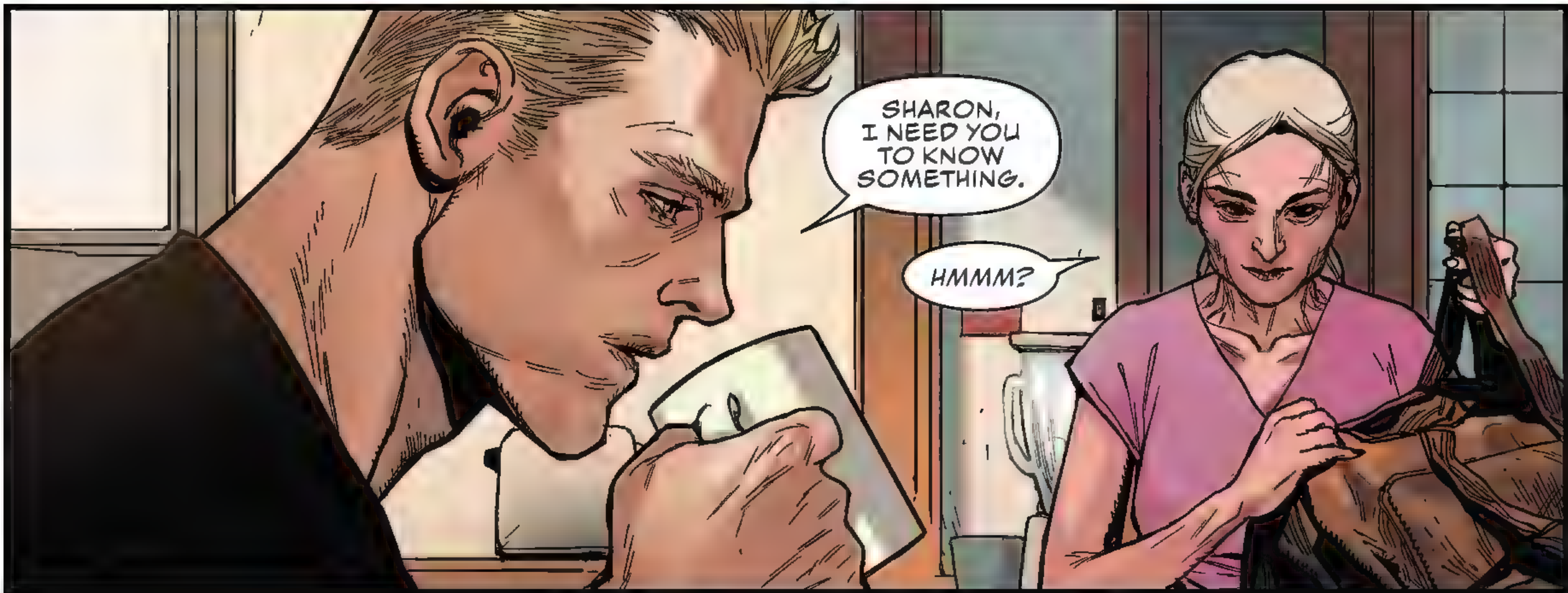
YOU KNOW I'D NEVER DO THAT.

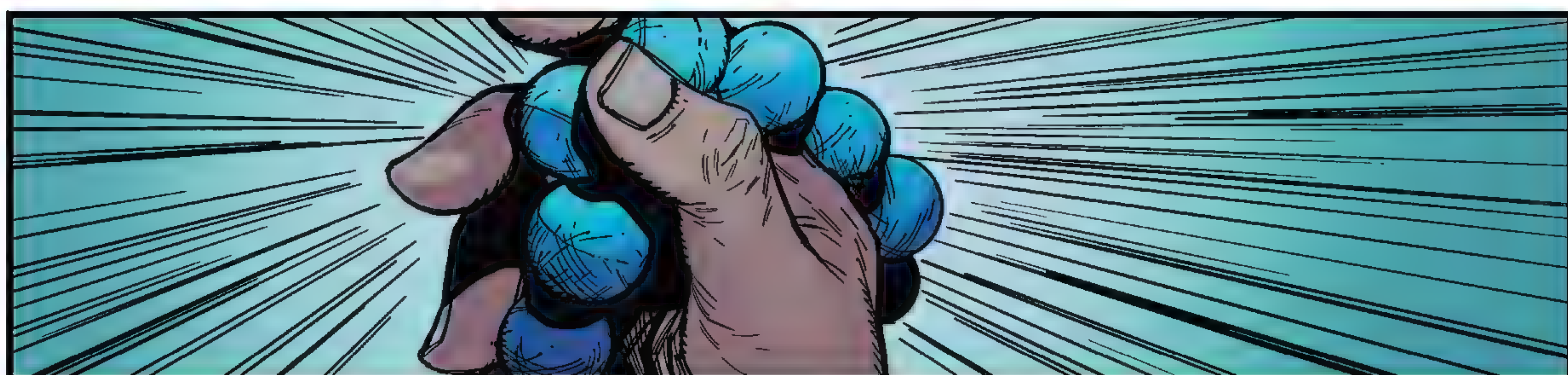
YOU HAVE YOUR WAY. I HAVE MINE.



WHICH REMINDS ME: ROSS IS SENDING ME TO CHASE DOWN A LEAD. I'LL BE GONE AWHILE.



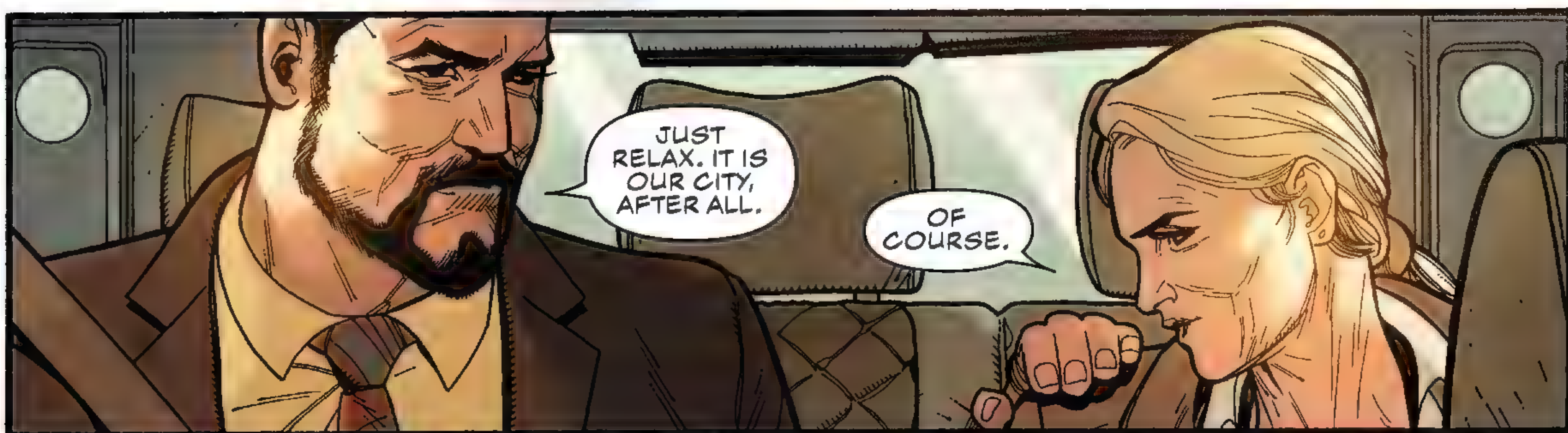
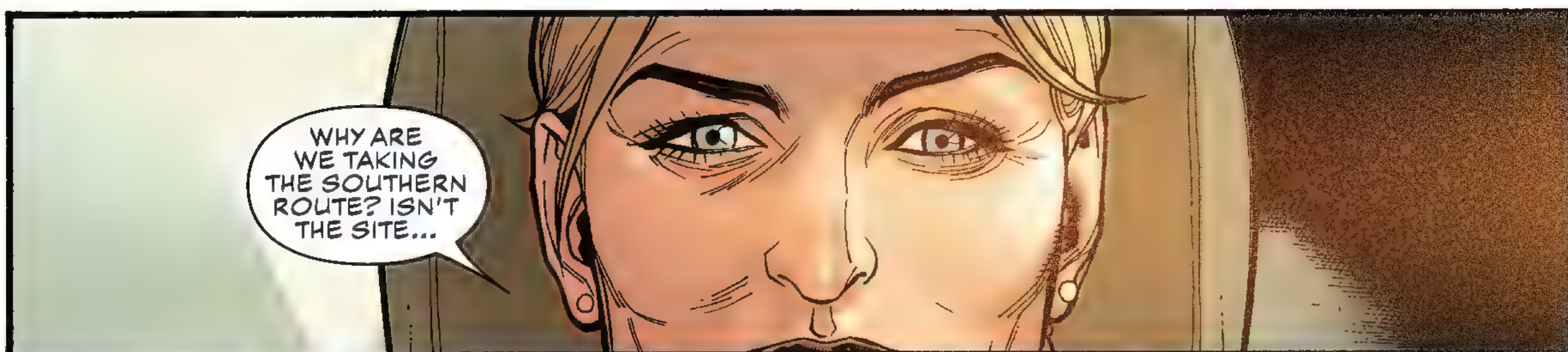
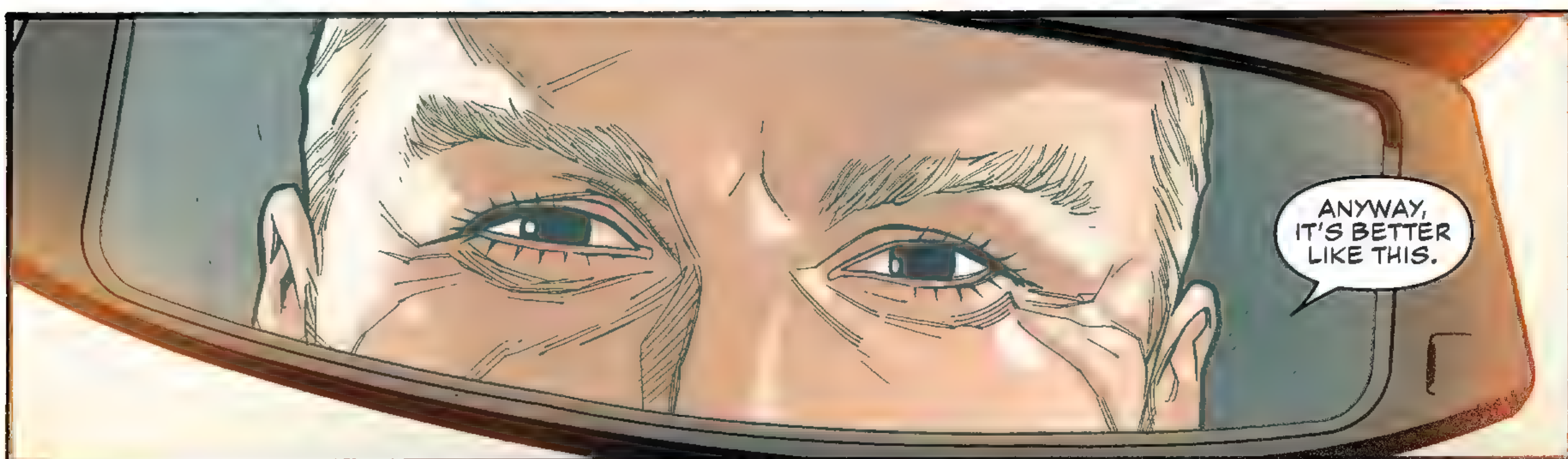
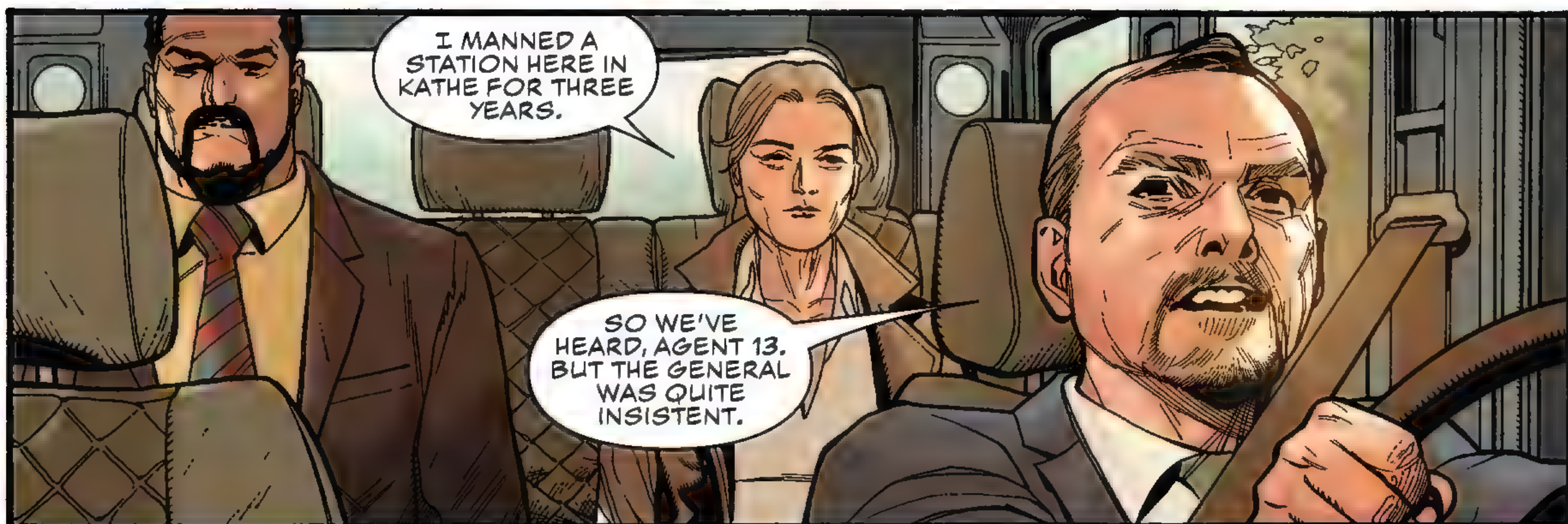
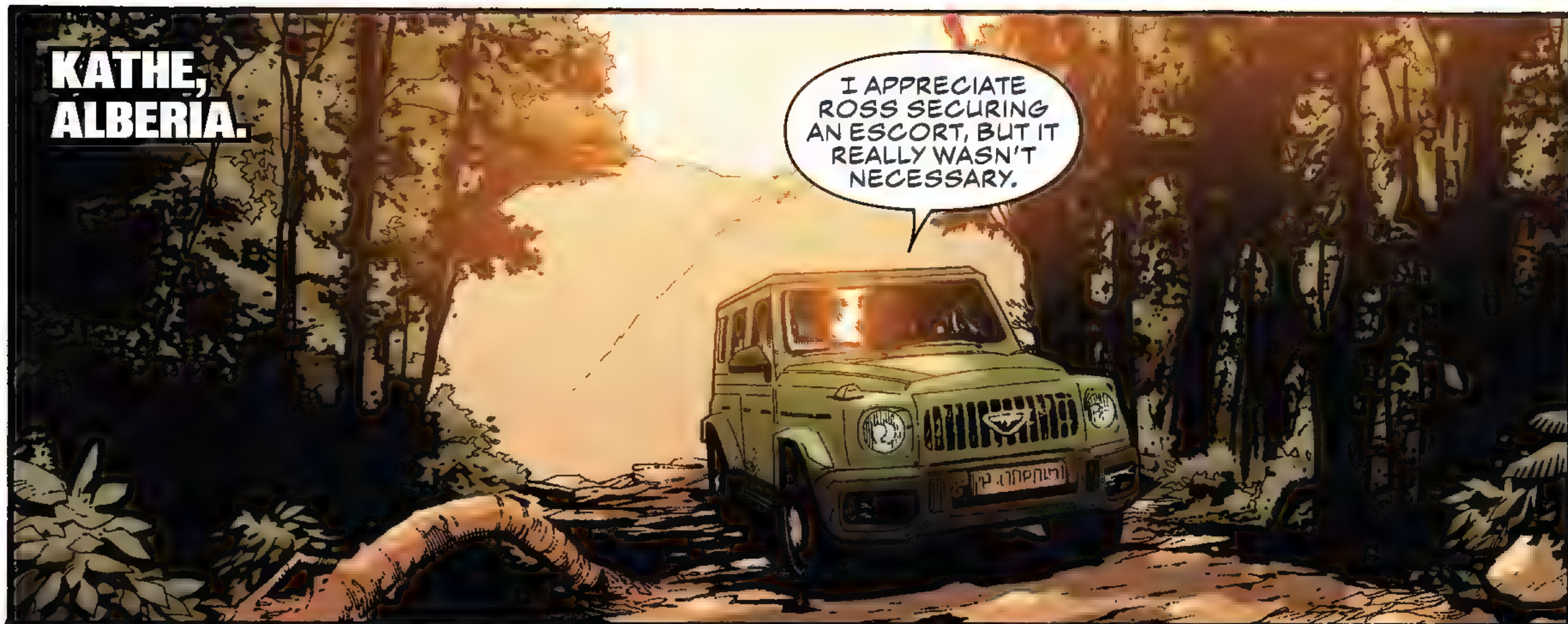


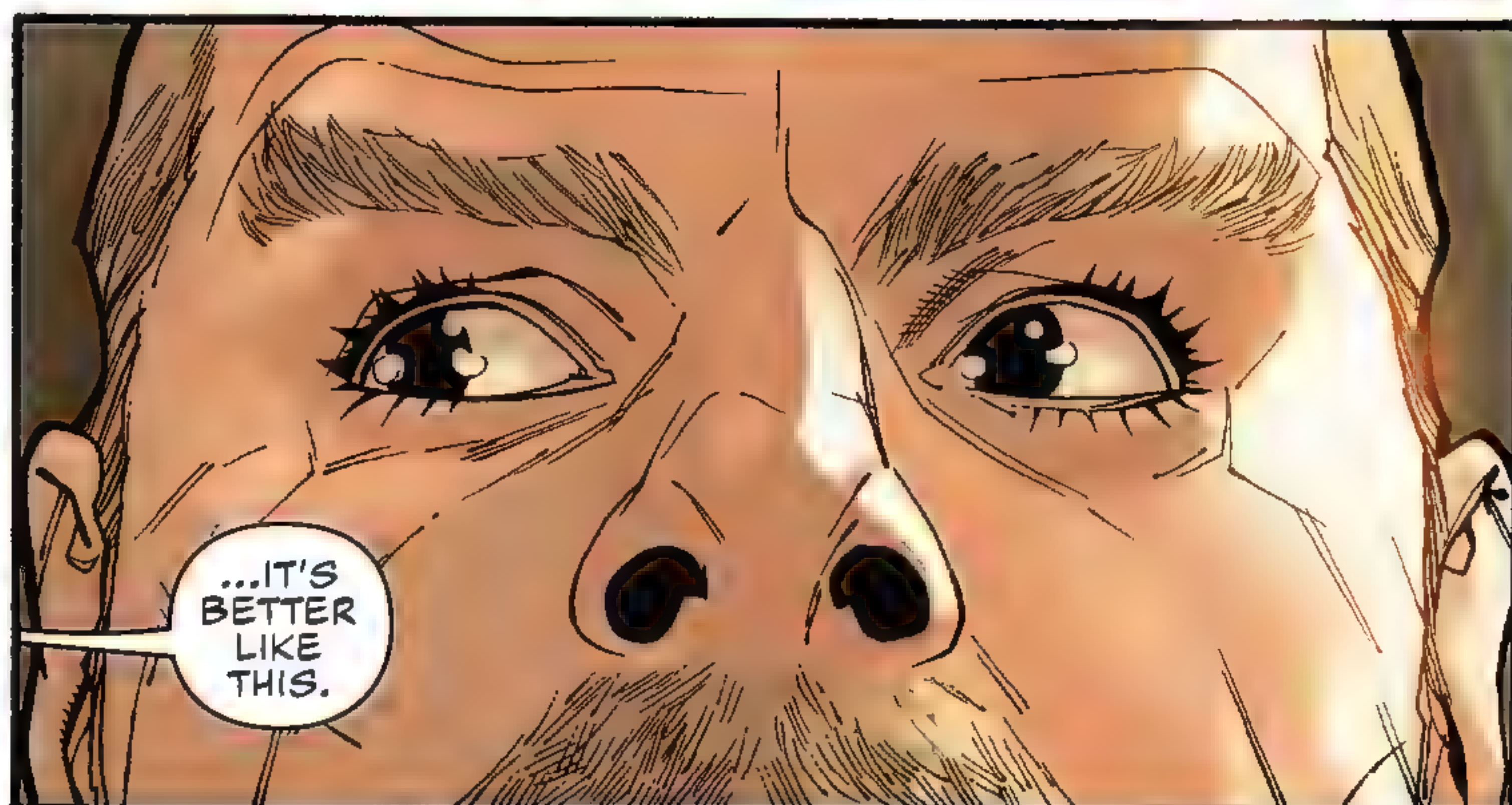
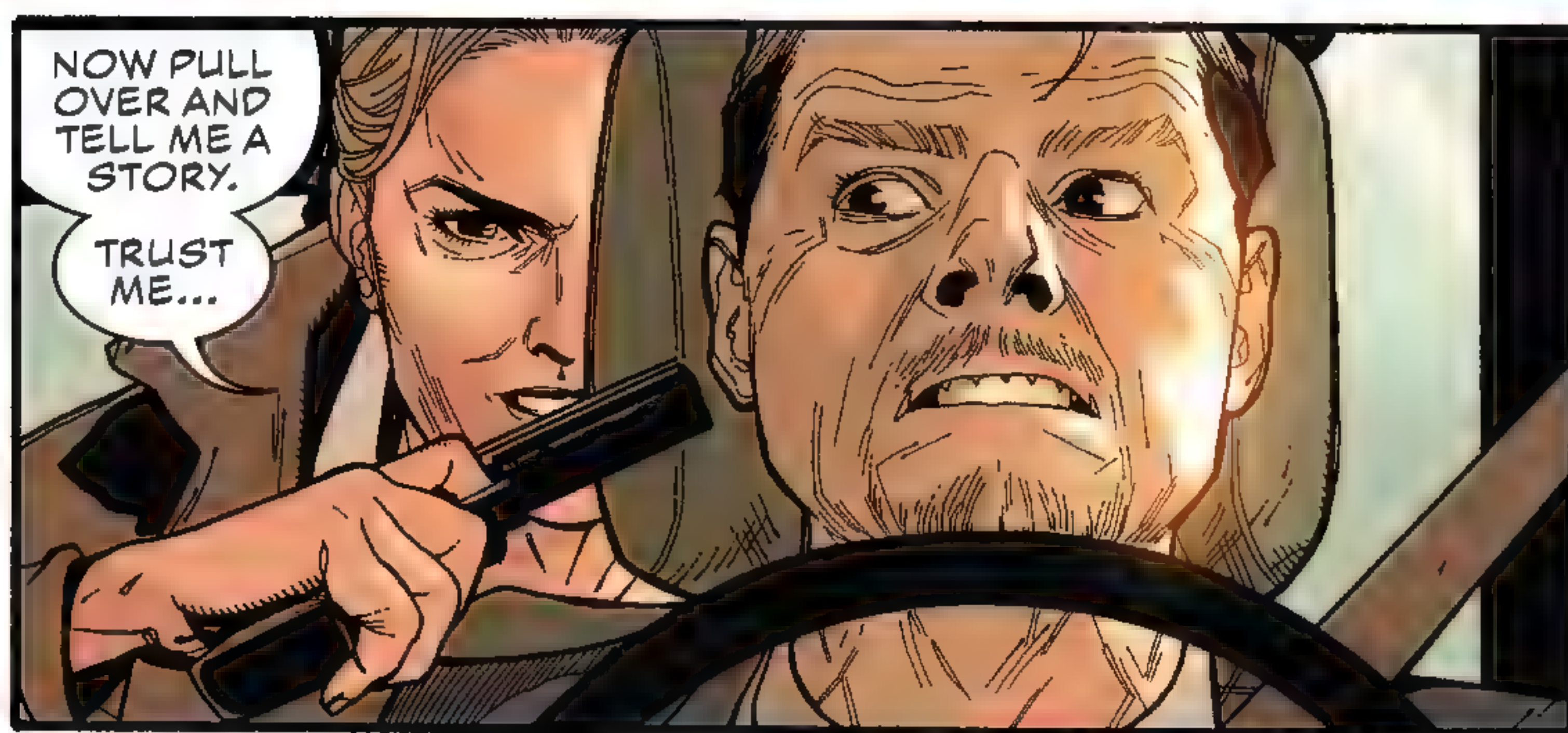


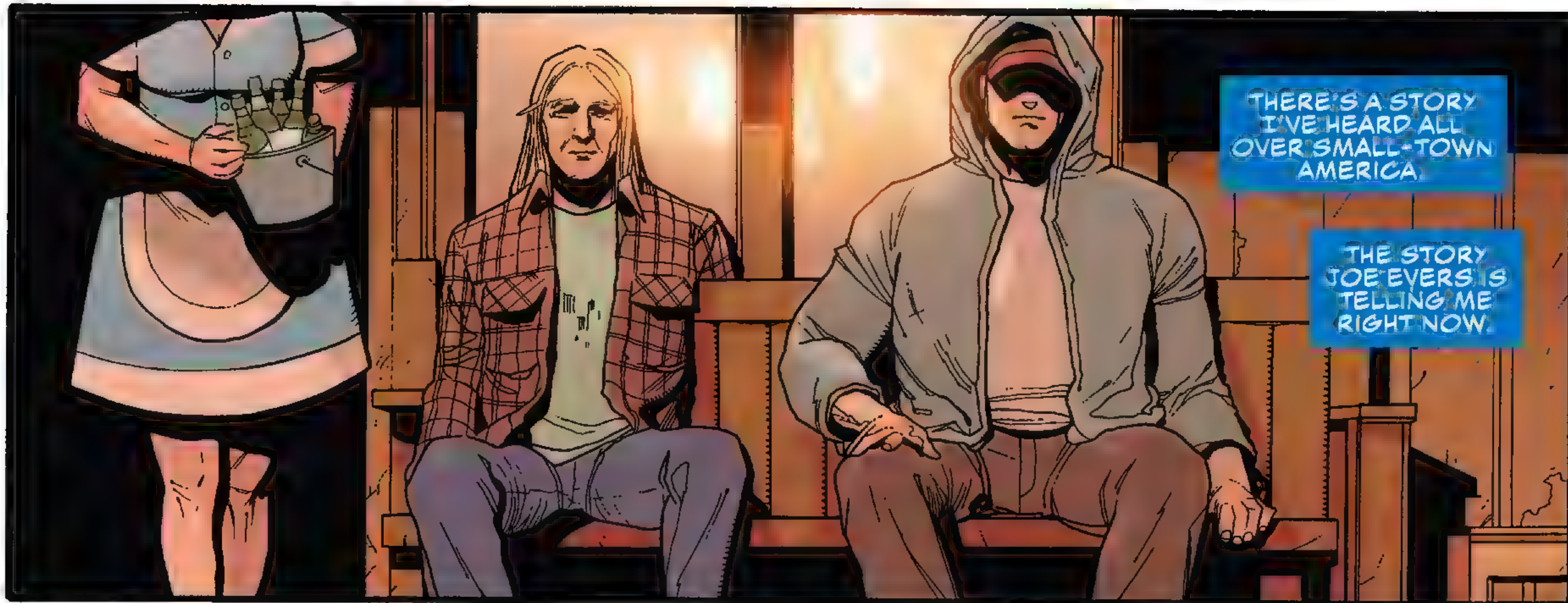
STRIKING
ANOTHER
BARGAIN











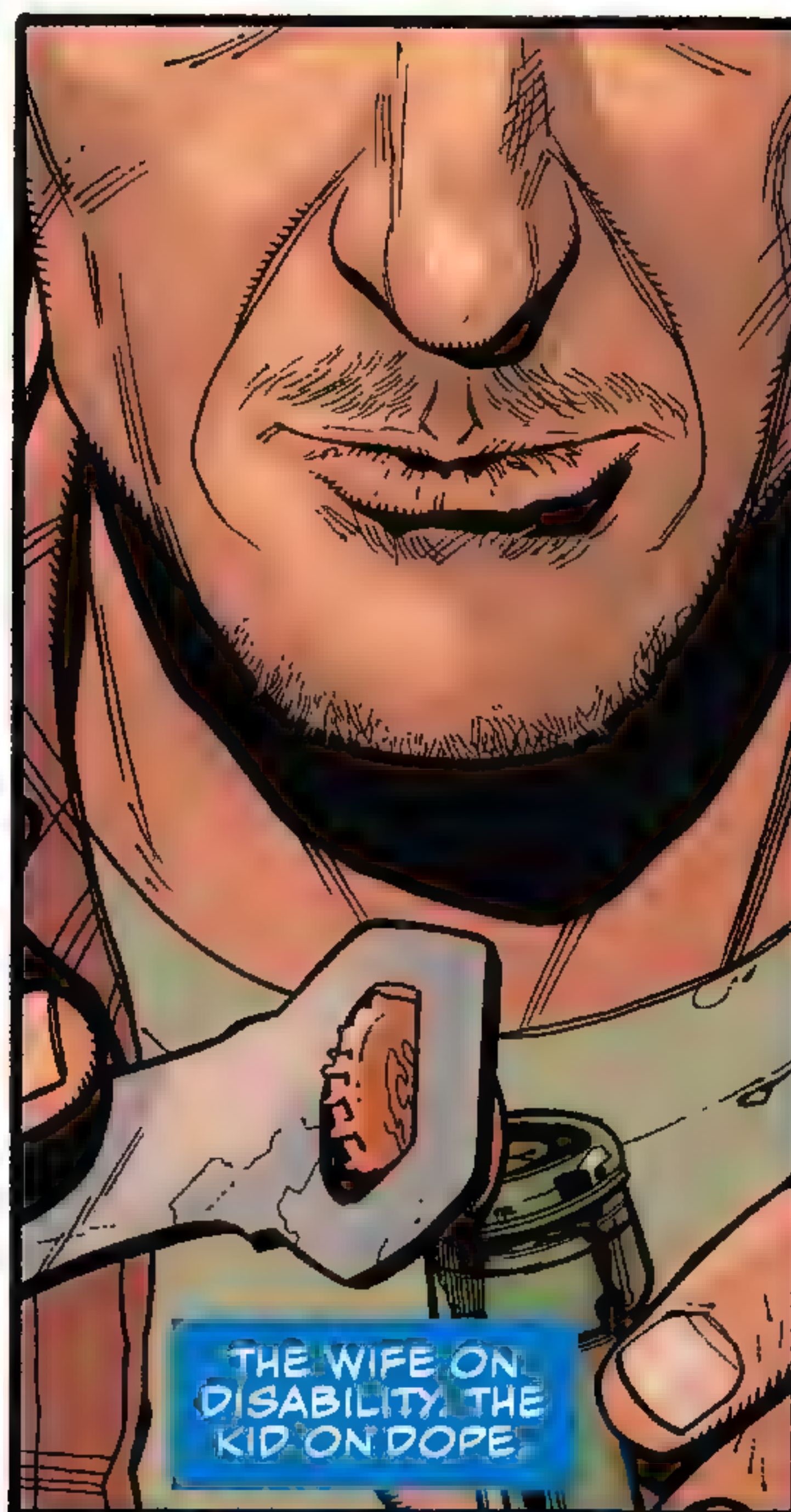
THERE'S A STORY
I'VE HEARD ALL
OVER SMALL-TOWN
AMERICA.

THE STORY
JOE EVERS IS
TELLING ME
RIGHT NOW.



IT'S THE MINE
CLOSING, THE
CHURCH SHUTTERED
AND SCHOOLS
GONE TO SEED.

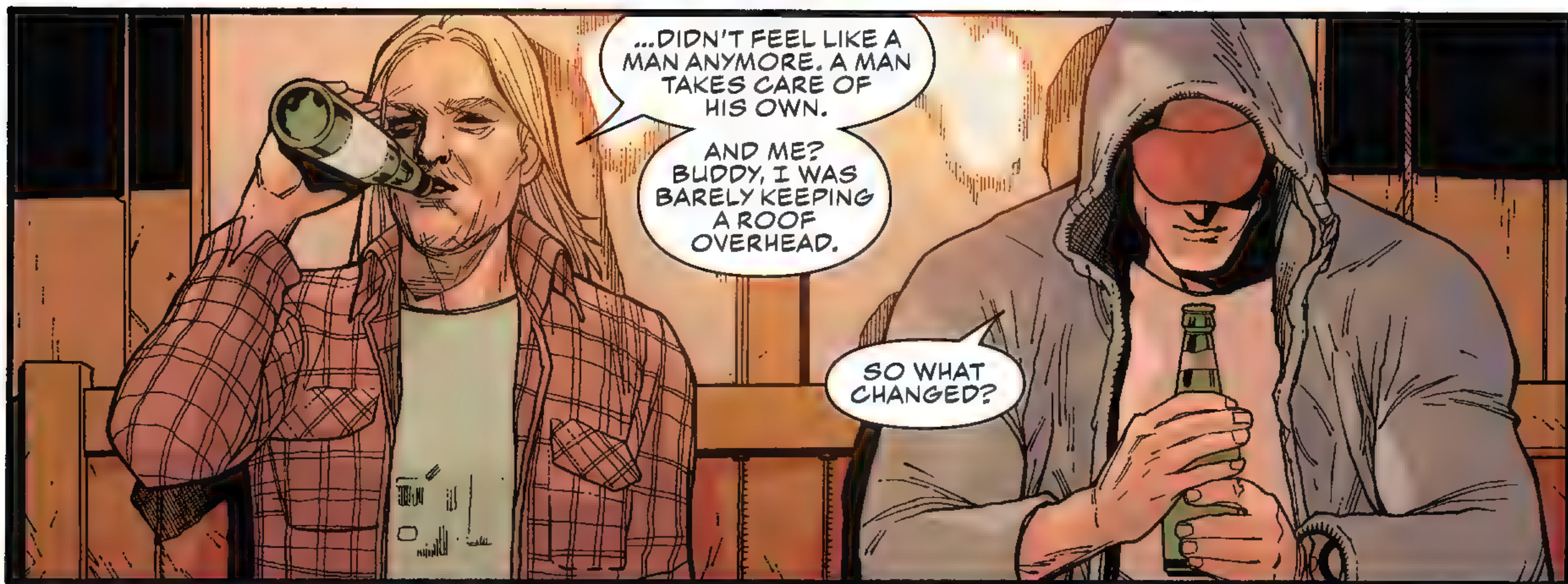
THANKS,
DELORES.



THE WIFE ON
DISABILITY. THE
KID ON DOPE.



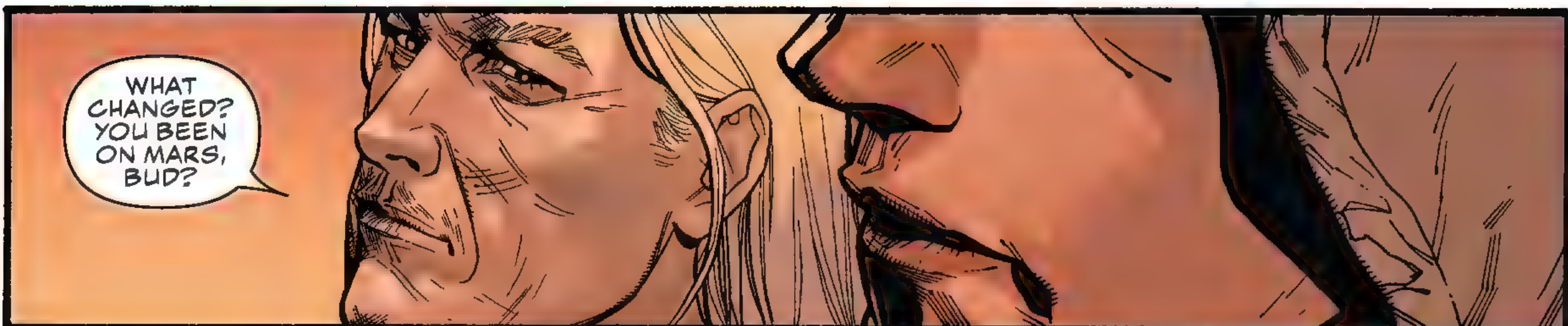
AND IT'S JOE
WATCHING A WAY
OF LIFE DISAPPEAR.



...DIDN'T FEEL LIKE A
MAN ANYMORE. A MAN
TAKES CARE OF
HIS OWN.

AND ME?
BUDDY, I WAS
BARELY KEEPING
A ROOF
OVERHEAD.

SO WHAT
CHANGED?



WHAT
CHANGED?
YOU BEEN
ON MARS,
BUD?



WHAT
CHANGED
WAS HYDRA.



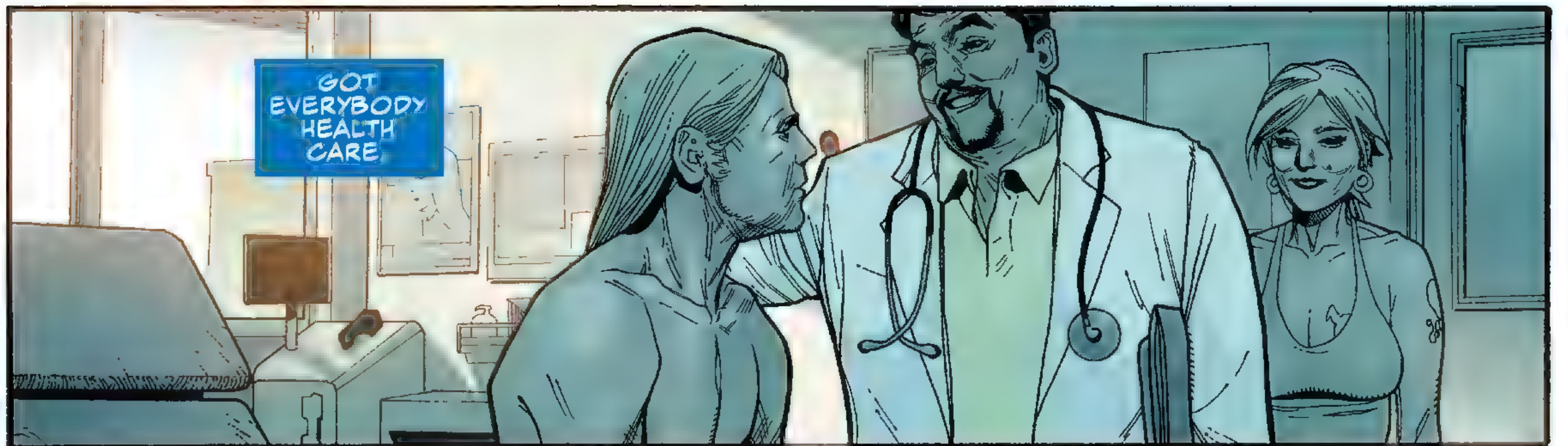
I ACT
SURPRISED,
BUT I ALREADY
KNOW.



HYDRA FIXED
THE SCHOOLS.



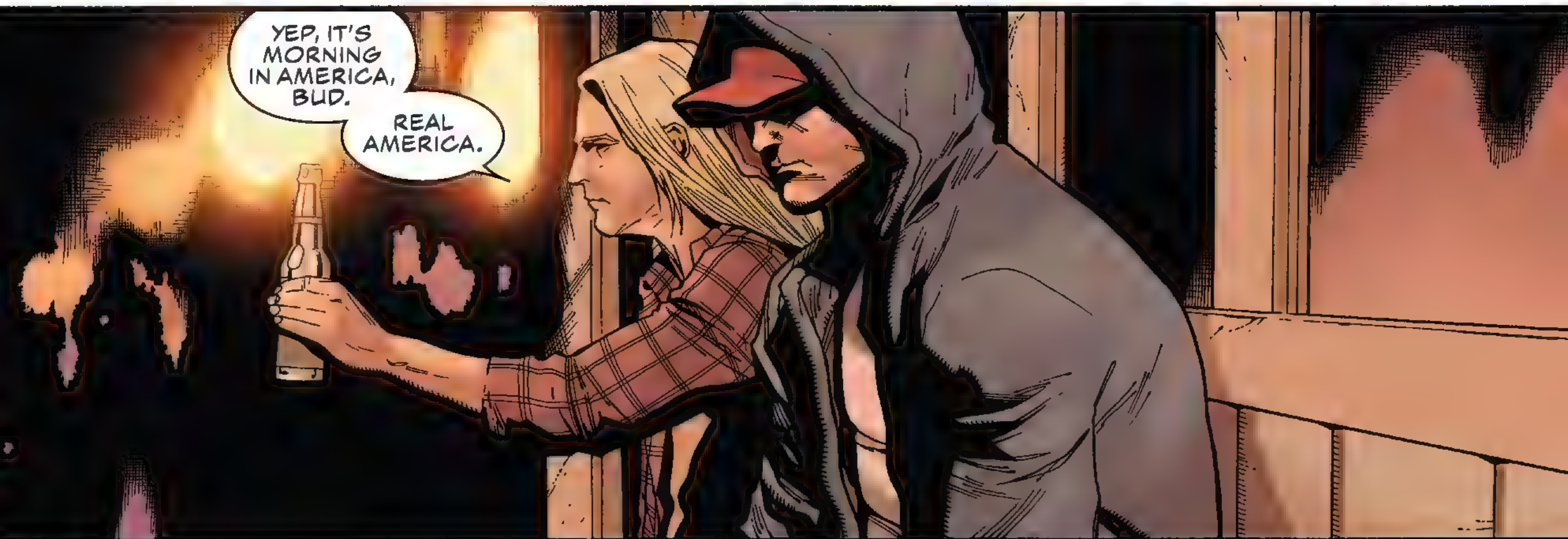
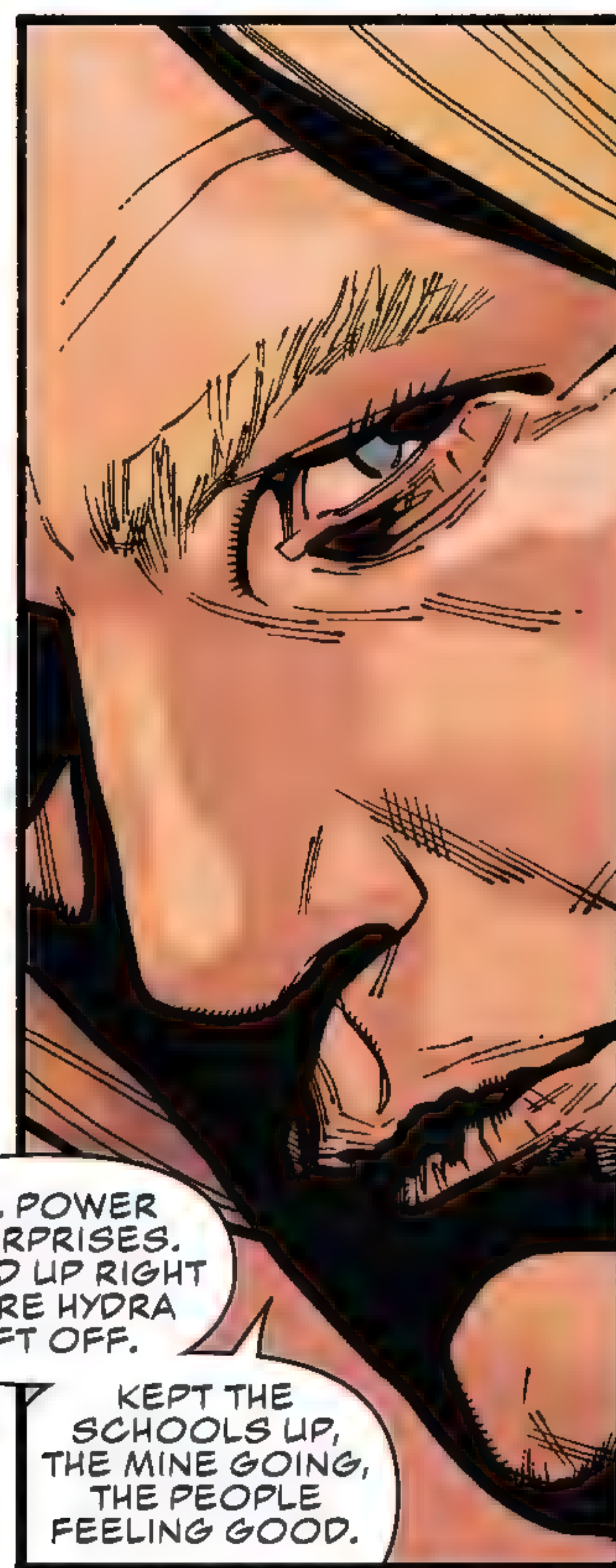
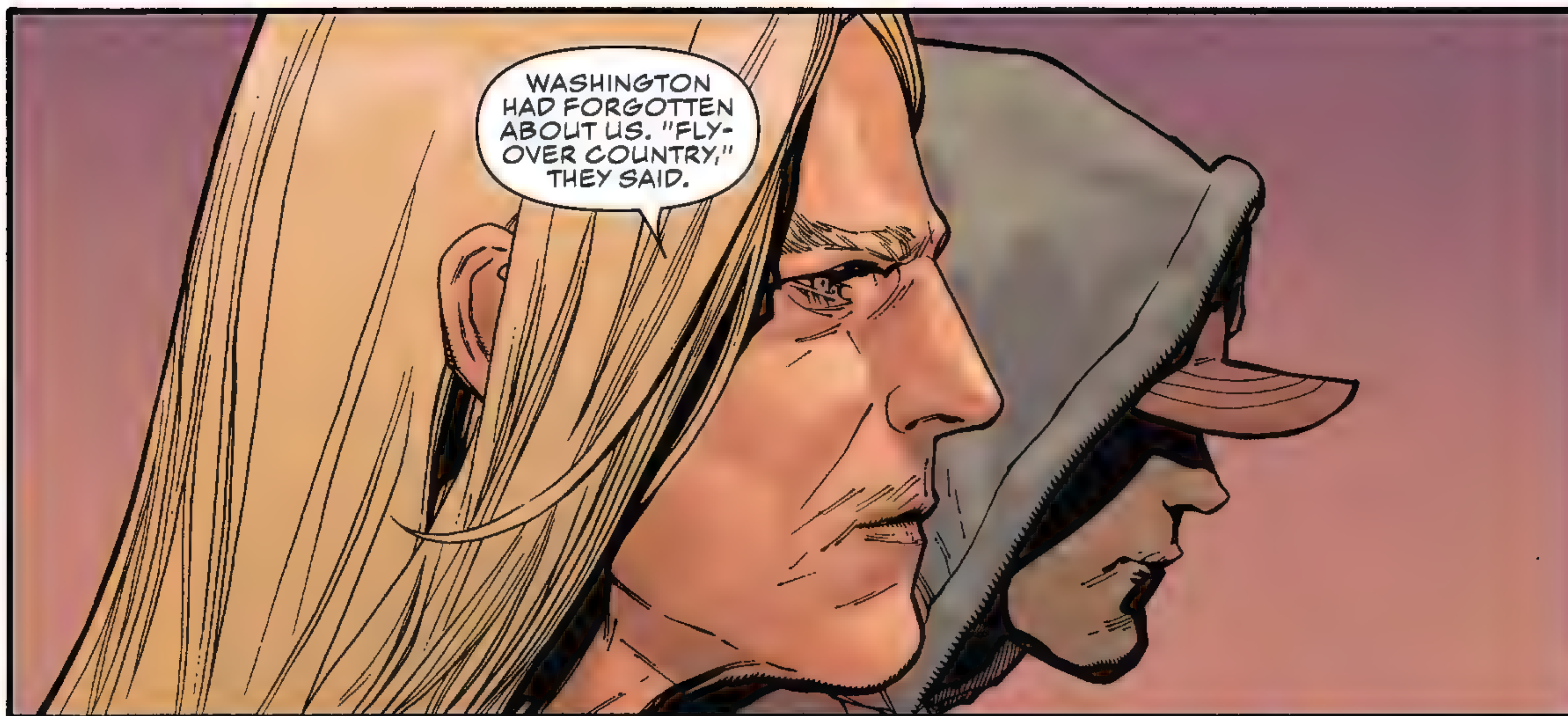
TOOK OUT
THE DRUG
PUSHERS.



GOT
EVERYBODY
HEALTH
CARE.

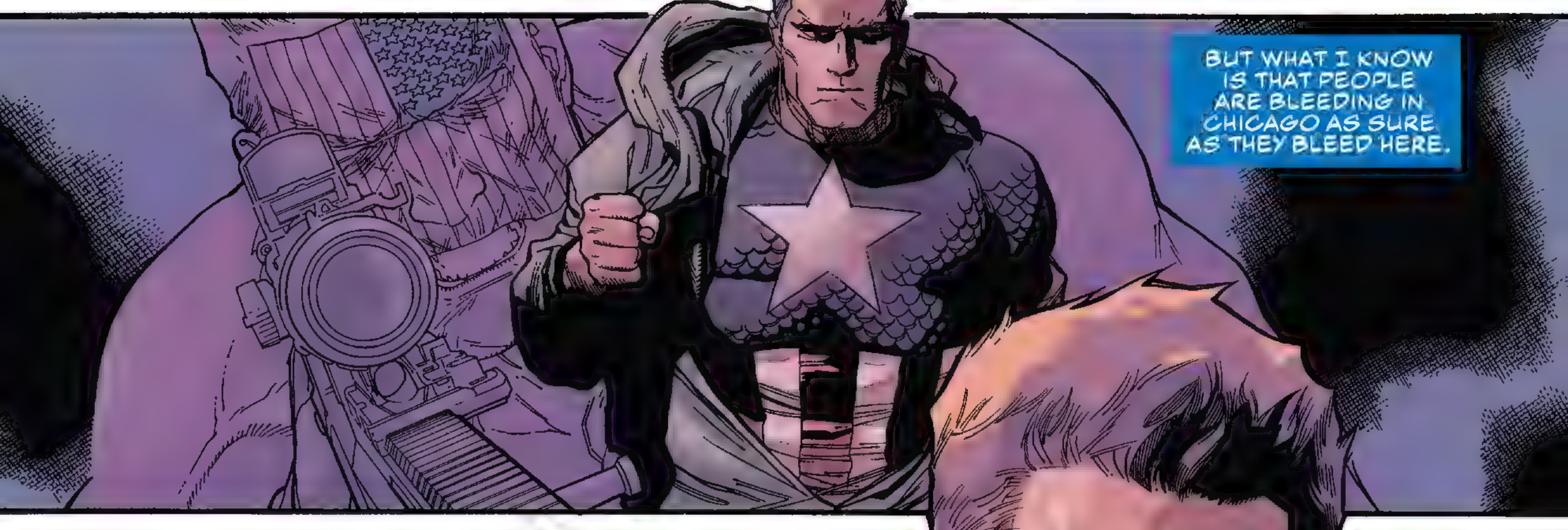


BROUGHT
BACK THE
JOBS.






"REAL AMERICA,"
JOE SAYS, AS
THOUGH THERE
ARE OTHERS.



BUT WHAT I KNOW
IS THAT PEOPLE
ARE BLEEDING IN
CHICAGO AS SURE
AS THEY BLEED HERE.



IT WASN'T
ALWAYS
LIKE THIS.



PEARL HARBOR WAS A
WORLD AWAY, BUT WE
FELT IT ALL THE WAY ON
THE LOWER EAST SIDE.

AN ATTACK ON
ONE OF US WAS
AN ATTACK ON
ALL OF US.

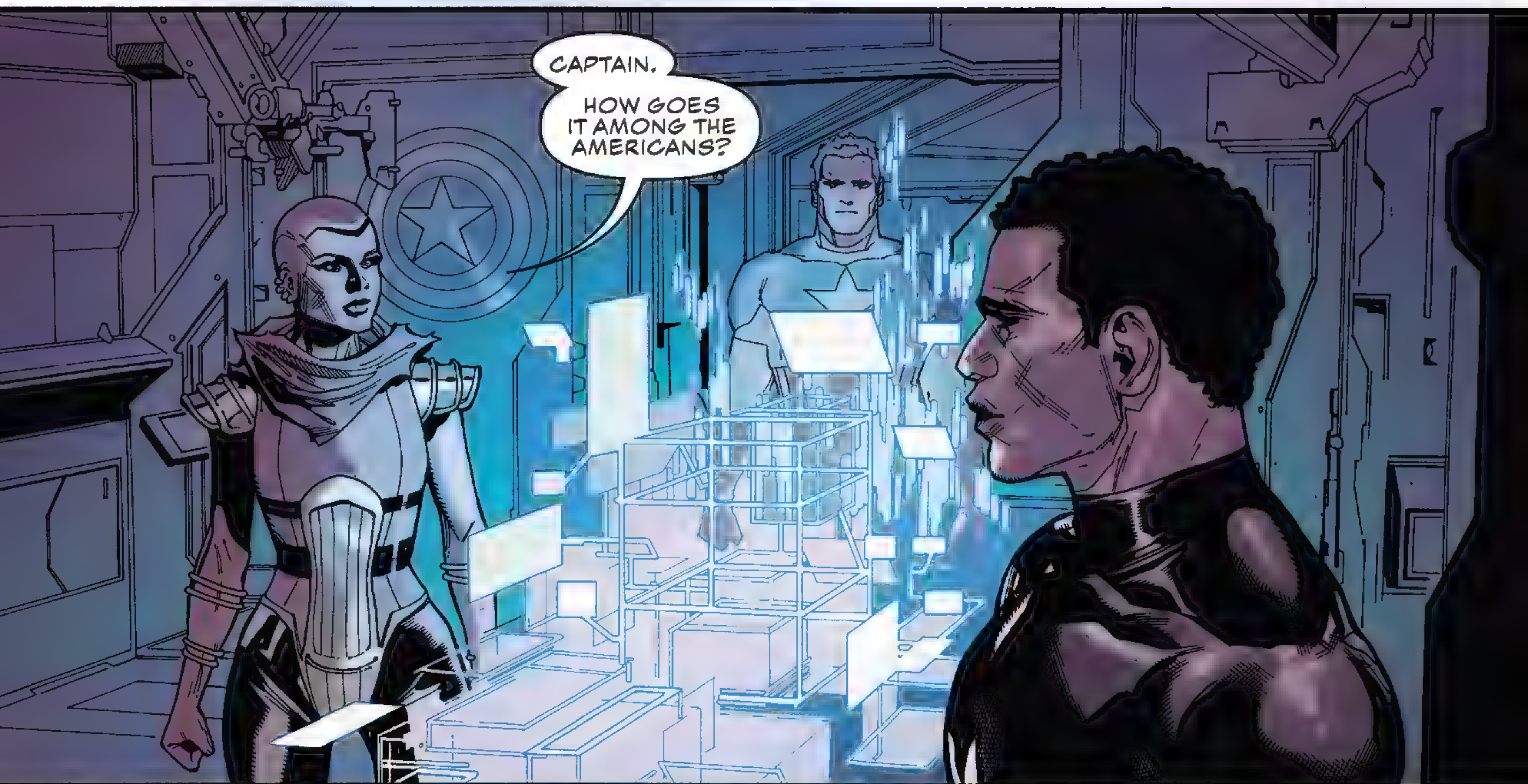


WE WERE UNITED
BY OUR VALUES—
DEMOCRACY
AND FREEDOM.

THAT WAS
REAL AMERICA.



BUT IT WAS ALSO
AN AMERICA OF
ANOTHER TIME.



CAPTAIN.

HOW GOES
IT AMONG THE
AMERICANS?

OR THE PERFECT
PLACE TO RAISE
A TERRORIST
CELL.

A CHICKEN
IN EVERY POT,
GENERAL
OKOYE.

JOBS
APLENTY. NO
CRIME. GREAT
SCHOOLS.

THE
PERFECT
PLACE TO
RAISE A
FAMILY.

I CHECKED THE
MINES EARLIER--
NOT A TRACE OF
COAL.

THE
WORKERS...
ARE THEY NOT
SUSPICIOUS?

I SUSPECT
HYDRA WEEDED
OUT ANYONE
WHO'D ASK
QUESTIONS.

AND CARTING
AROUND DIRT IS A
SMALL PRICE TO PAY
FOR THE SIMPLE LIFE.

IT IS
LOGICAL,
STEVE.

DURING THE
WAR, HYDRA'S
GREATEST
WEAPON WAS
BRIBERY.

AND THIS NEW OUTFIT--
POWER ENTERPRISES--
PICKED UP RIGHT
WHERE THEY
LEFT OFF.

IT'S
NOT JUST THE
MINES, T'CHALLA--
IT'S THE POLICE, THE
SCHOOLS, THE DAMN
4-H CLUBS.

WHO
ARE THESE
PEOPLE?

WE ARE
NOT YET SURE,
CAPTAIN.

BUT WE HAVE
MAPPED THEIR
ASSOCIATIONS,
AND FOUND SOME
INTERESTING
COMMONALITIES.

EACH HAS AN
UNSAVORY PAST.
EACH FOUGHT
AGAINST HYDRA.

AND AS A
RESULT, EACH
NOW ENJOYS
CLOSE TIES WITH
WASHINGTON.

MY INTEREST IS IN THIS
MAN--THE BASE VILLAIN
ZEKE STANE, WHO
PLOTTED TO DESTROY
MY COUNTRY.

STANE IS A
BIOENGINEER
WHO'S HAD SOME
DEALINGS WITH
WEAPON
PLUS.

YOU THINK
STANE IS
BEHIND THE
ATTACKS?

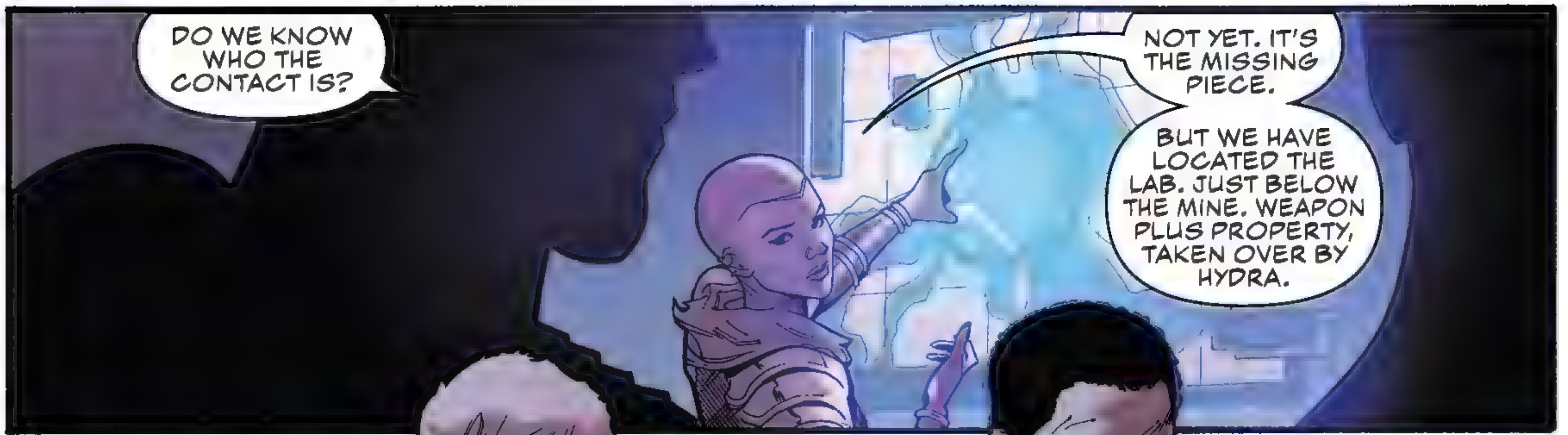
WE BELIEVE HE IS
HELPING REPRODUCE
THE NUKES. BUT THERE'S
SOMETHING ELSE.

WAKANDAN INTELLIGENCE
INDICATES STANE IS IN
CLOSE COMMUNICATION
WITH SOMEONE IN
THE AMERICAN
GOVERNMENT.

I WISH I
WEREN'T SO
SURPRISED. I SHOULD
START EXPECTING
THIS STUFF.

NO, YOU SHOULD
NOT. YOU MUST NEVER
EXPECT SUCH THINGS
FROM YOUR OWN
PEOPLE.

THE DAY
YOU ARE NOT
SURPRISED IS
THE DAY CAPTAIN
AMERICA
DIES.



DO WE KNOW WHO THE CONTACT IS?

NOT YET. IT'S THE MISSING PIECE.

BUT WE HAVE LOCATED THE LAB. JUST BELOW THE MINE. WEAPON PLUS PROPERTY, TAKEN OVER BY HYDRA.

AND, MOST LIKELY, INHERITED BY POWER ENTERPRISES.

STEVE. IT'S THE MAIN HUB. ALL THE ATTACKS ARE COMING FROM HERE.

STANE IS INSIDE. AS WELL AS SEVERAL NUKES.

HOW MANY?

DOZENS ACTIVE. HUNDREDS IN STASIS.



T'CHALLA...THESE MEN...THEY WERE SOLDIERS...

...IN THE WAR AGAINST HYDRA. TAKEN PRISONER, I SUSPECT.

I KNOW WHAT YOU ARE THINKING AND I'VE ALREADY LOOKED--THERE IS NO WAY TO SAVE THEM, STEVE.



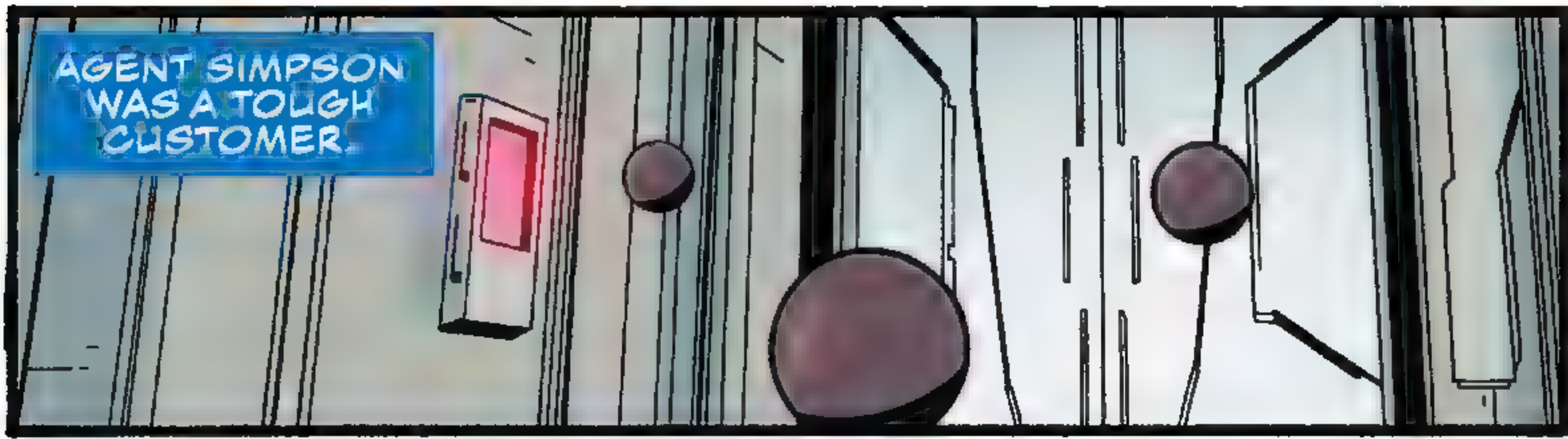
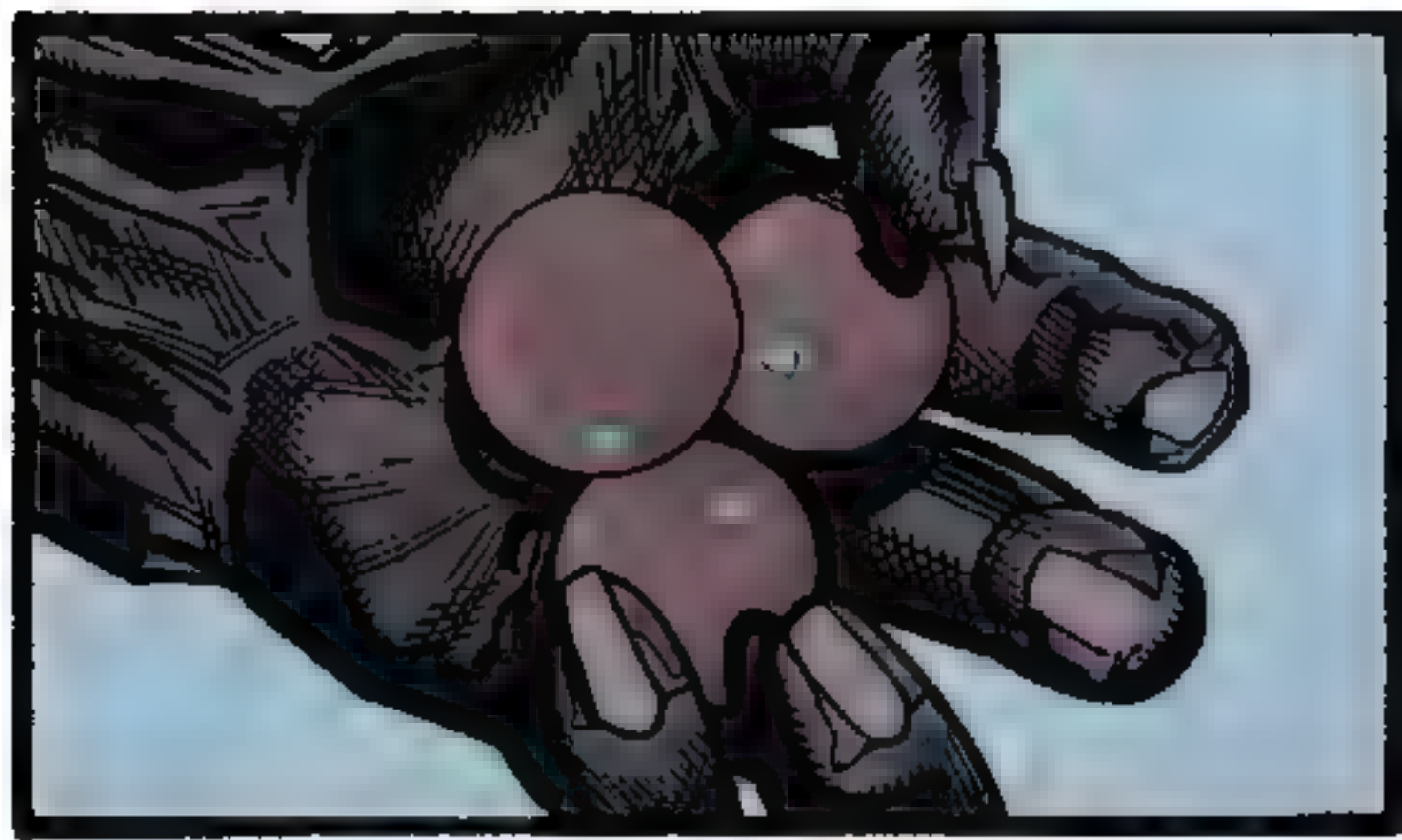
HOW DO WE SHUT THEM DOWN?



THE ORIGINAL NUKE--
FRANK SIMPSON--
WAS A SOLDIER,
LIKE ME.



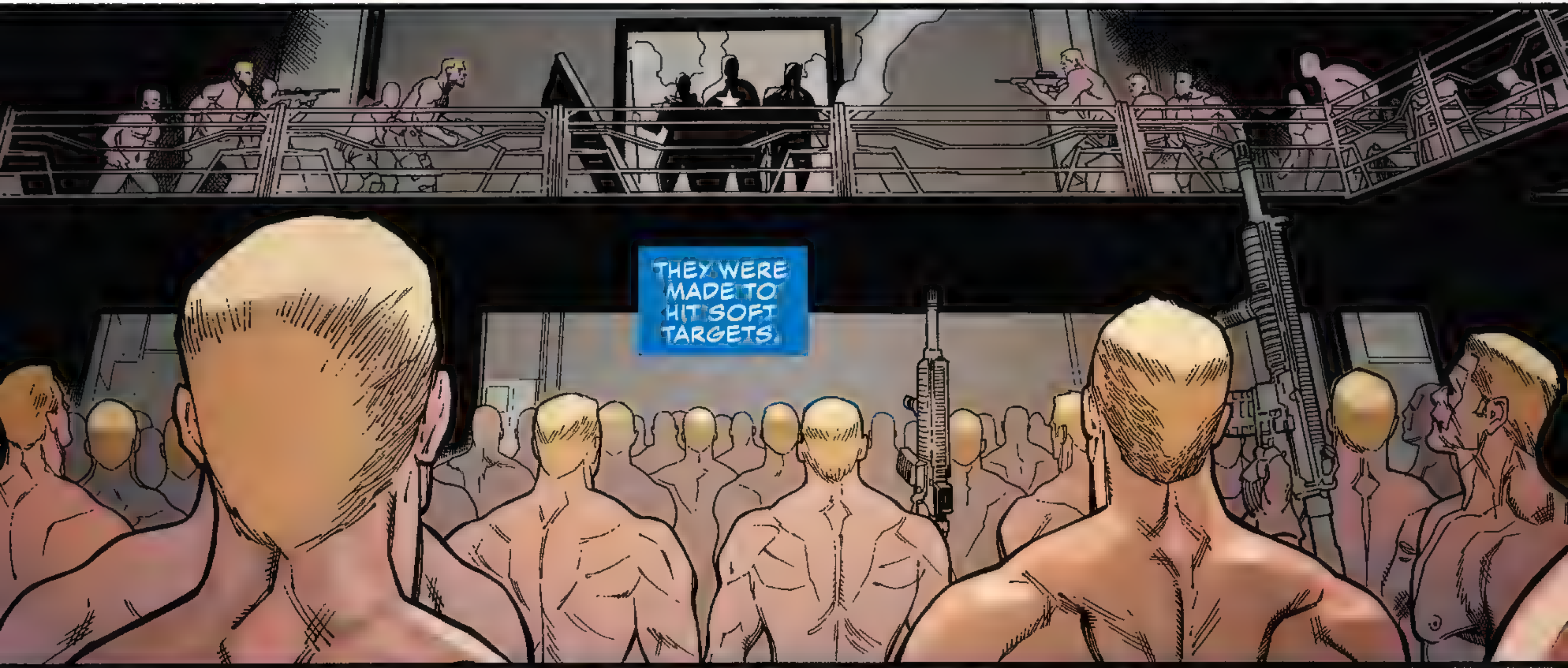
WEAPON PLUS
TWISTED HIM,
UNTIL HE COULDN'T
TELL THE WAR
FRONT FROM THE
HOME FRONT.



AGENT SIMPSON
WAS A TOUGH
CUSTOMER.



THESE NEWER
NUKES CAN'T
HOLD A CANDLE
TO HIM--BUT THEY
DON'T NEED TO.



THEY WERE
MADE TO
HIT SOFT
TARGETS.

WE ARE
NOT
SOFT



AND THERE'S
A DEEPER
DIFFERENCE.

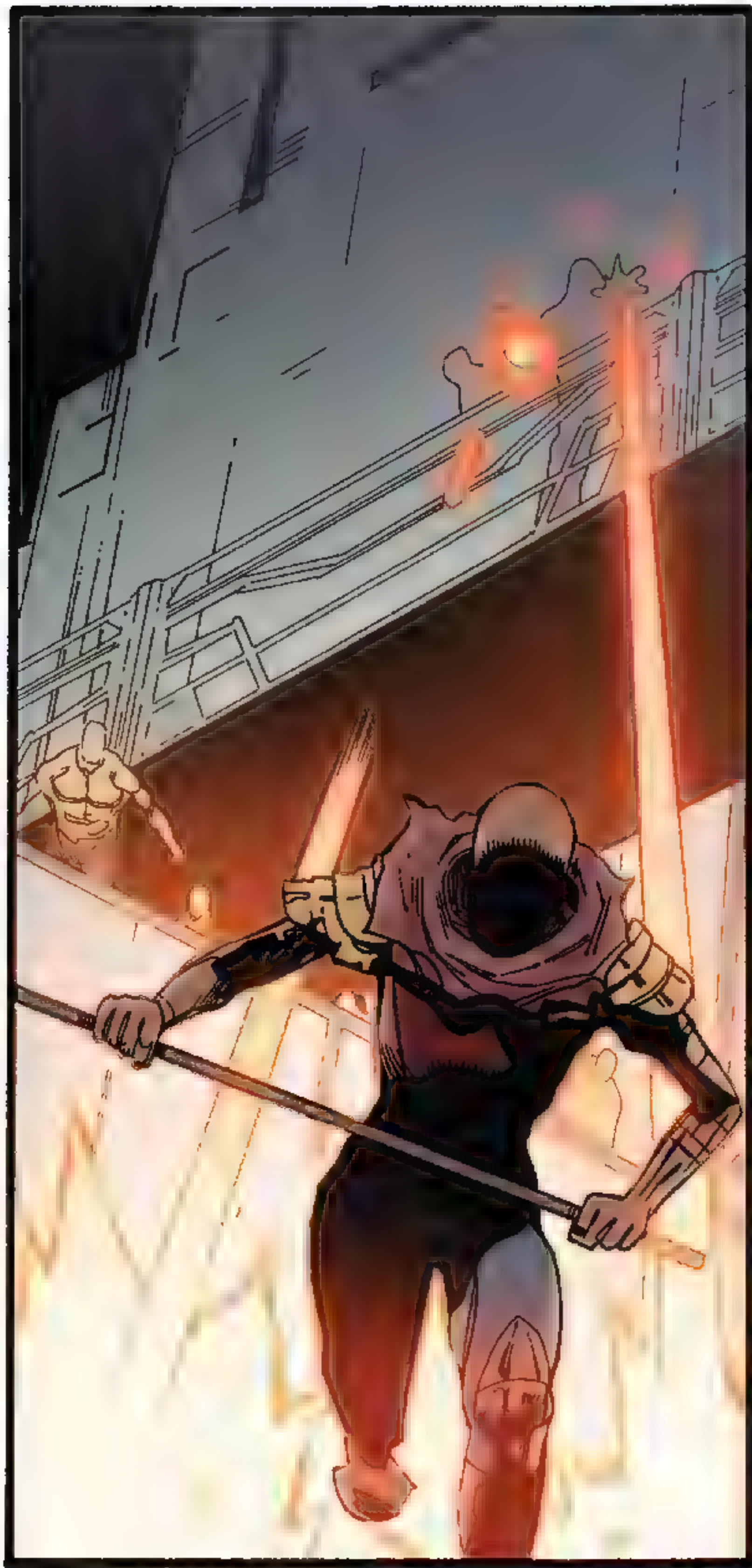
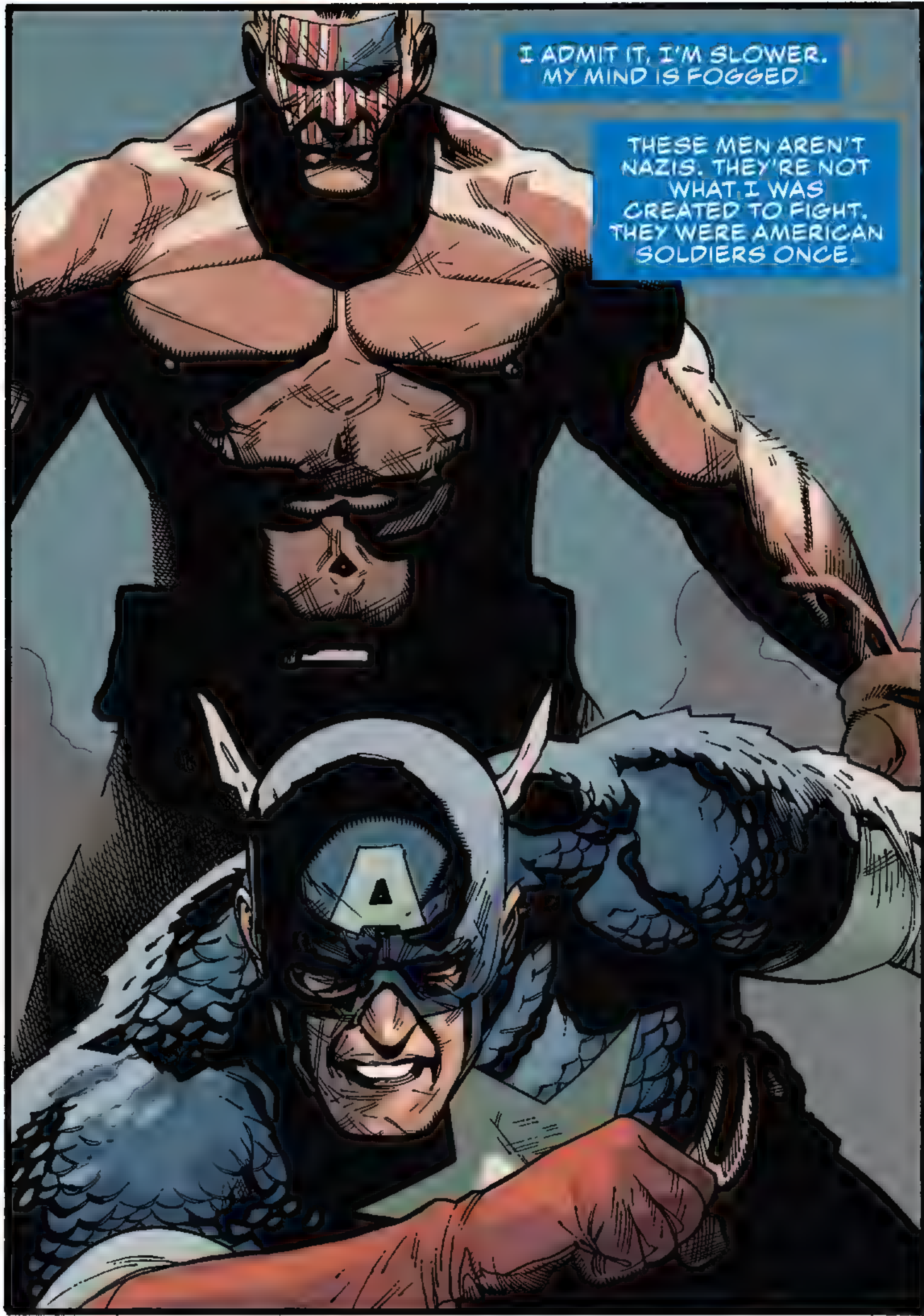
WAKANDAN INTELLIGENCE
SHOWS THESE NUKES BURN OUT
A FEW DAYS AFTER ACTIVATION.

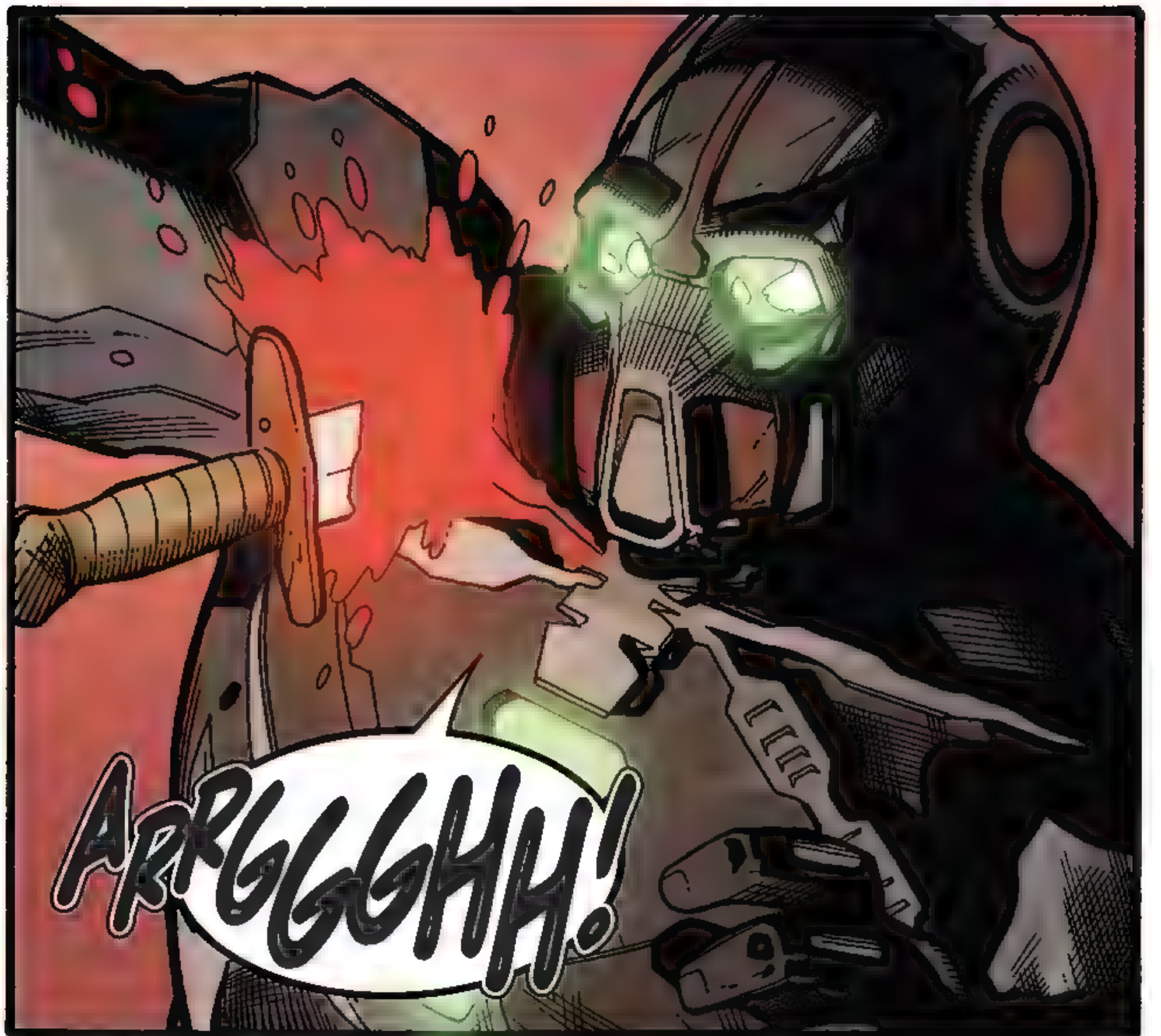
T'CHALLA'S CONCOCTED A
VIRUS TO REDUCE THAT
BURNOUT TIME FROM
DAYS TO SECONDS.

BUT FOR THAT, WE
NEED TO GET TO
THE CENTRAL
COMMAND UNIT.

IF WE SHUT
DOWN THE
NUKES, WE
SHUT DOWN
THE WAVE
OF TERROR.

BUT FIRST,
I'VE GOTTA
SURVIVE.







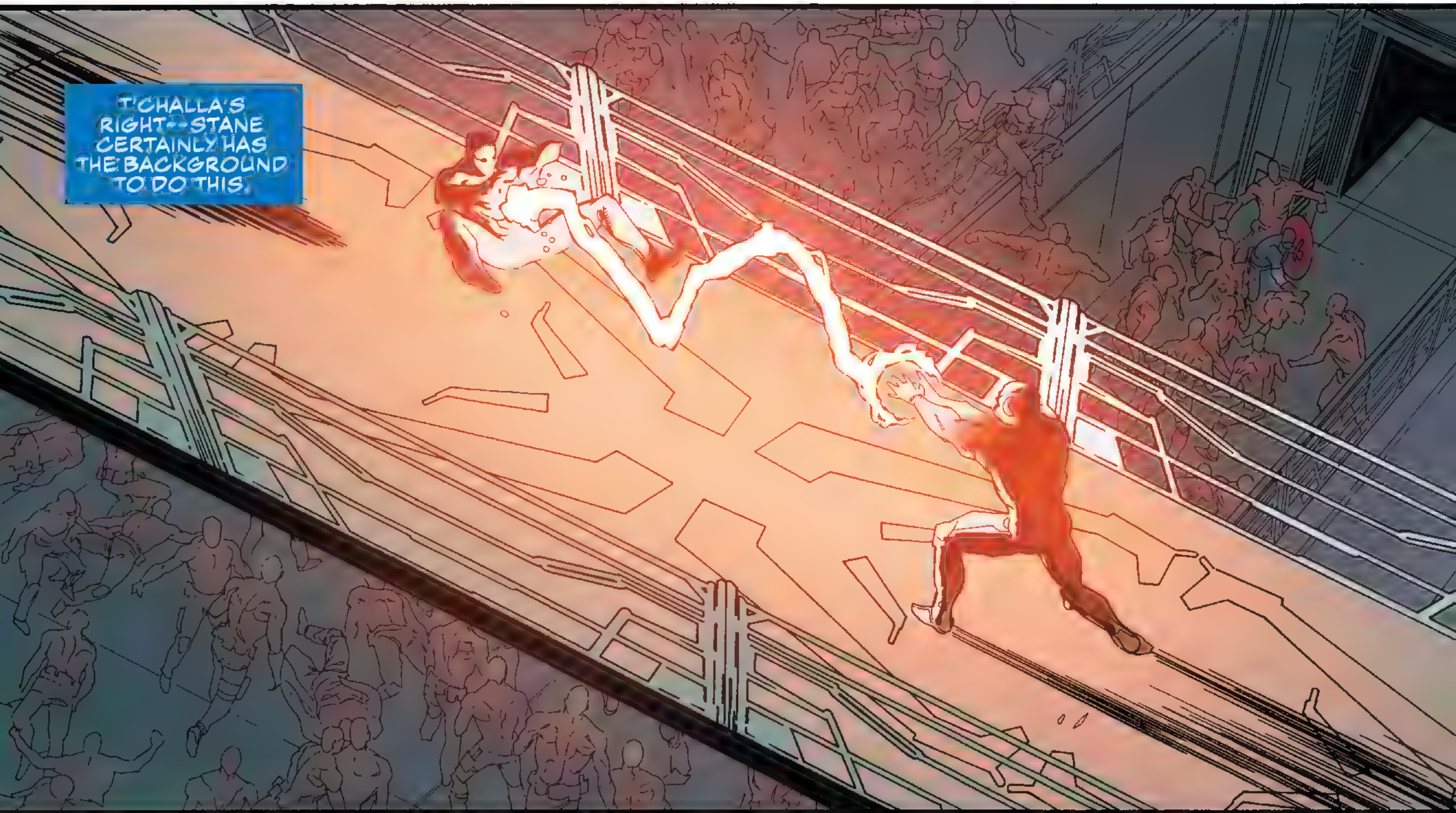
I WANT TO
KNOW WHO
BETRAYED
THESE BOYS



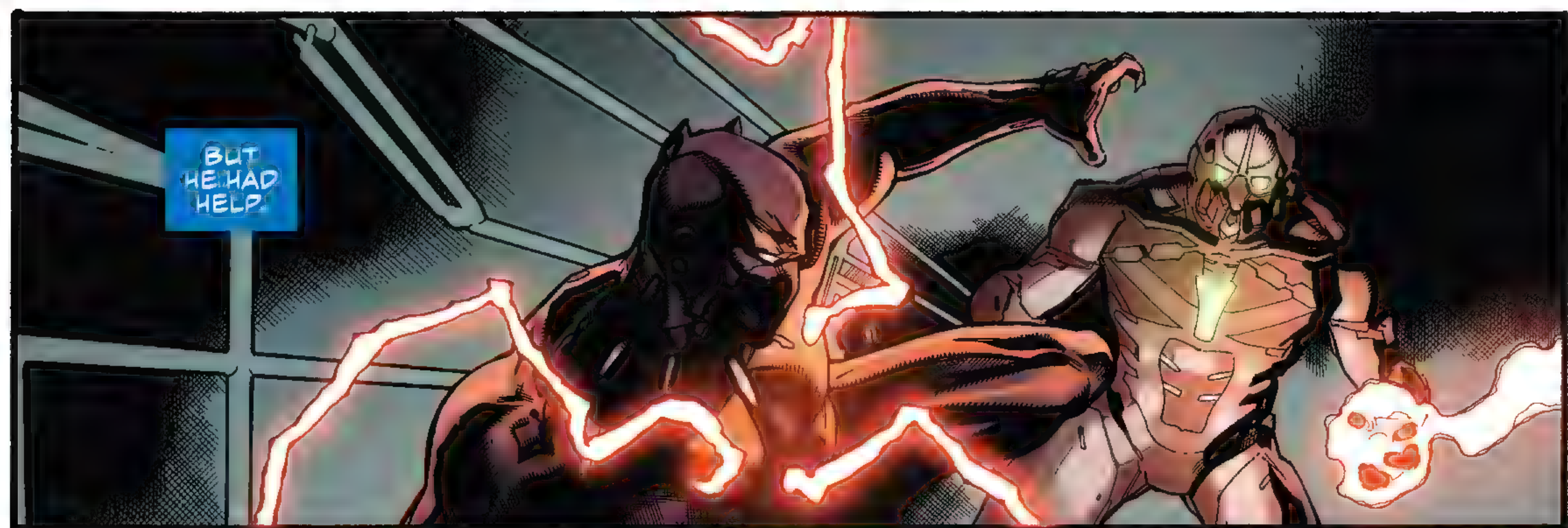
...THESE
SOLDIERS...



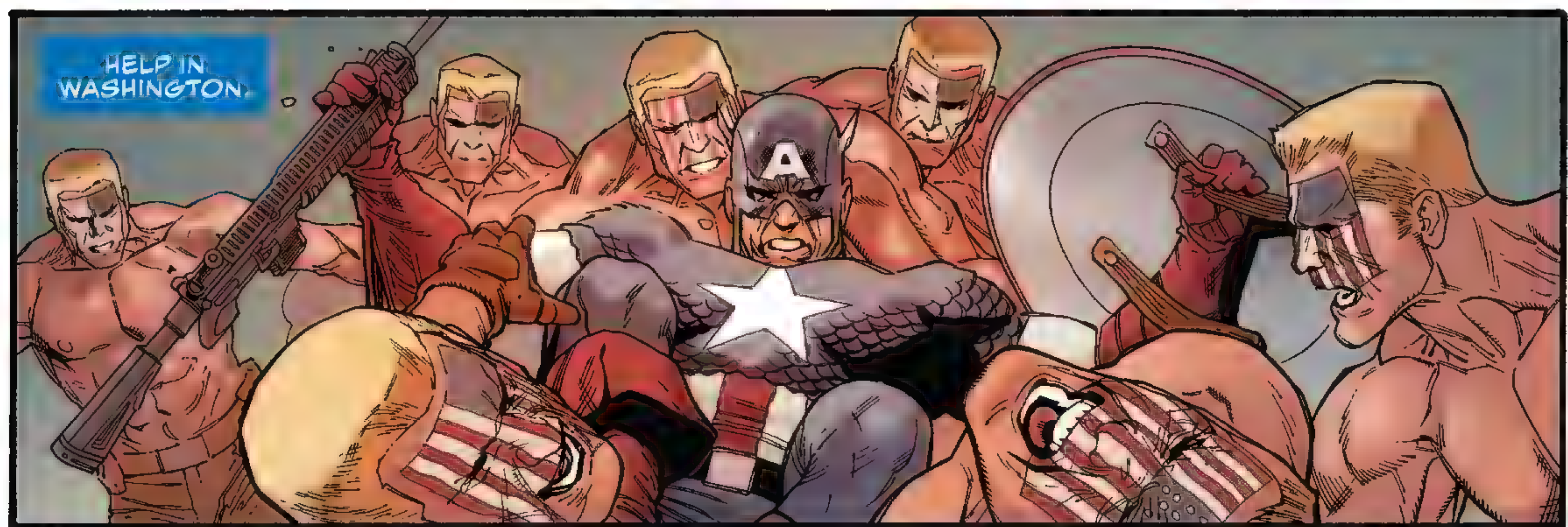
...AND TURNED
THEM INTO
CANNON
FODDER.



T'CHALLA'S
RIGHT-- STANE
CERTAINLY HAS
THE BACKGROUND
TO DO THIS.



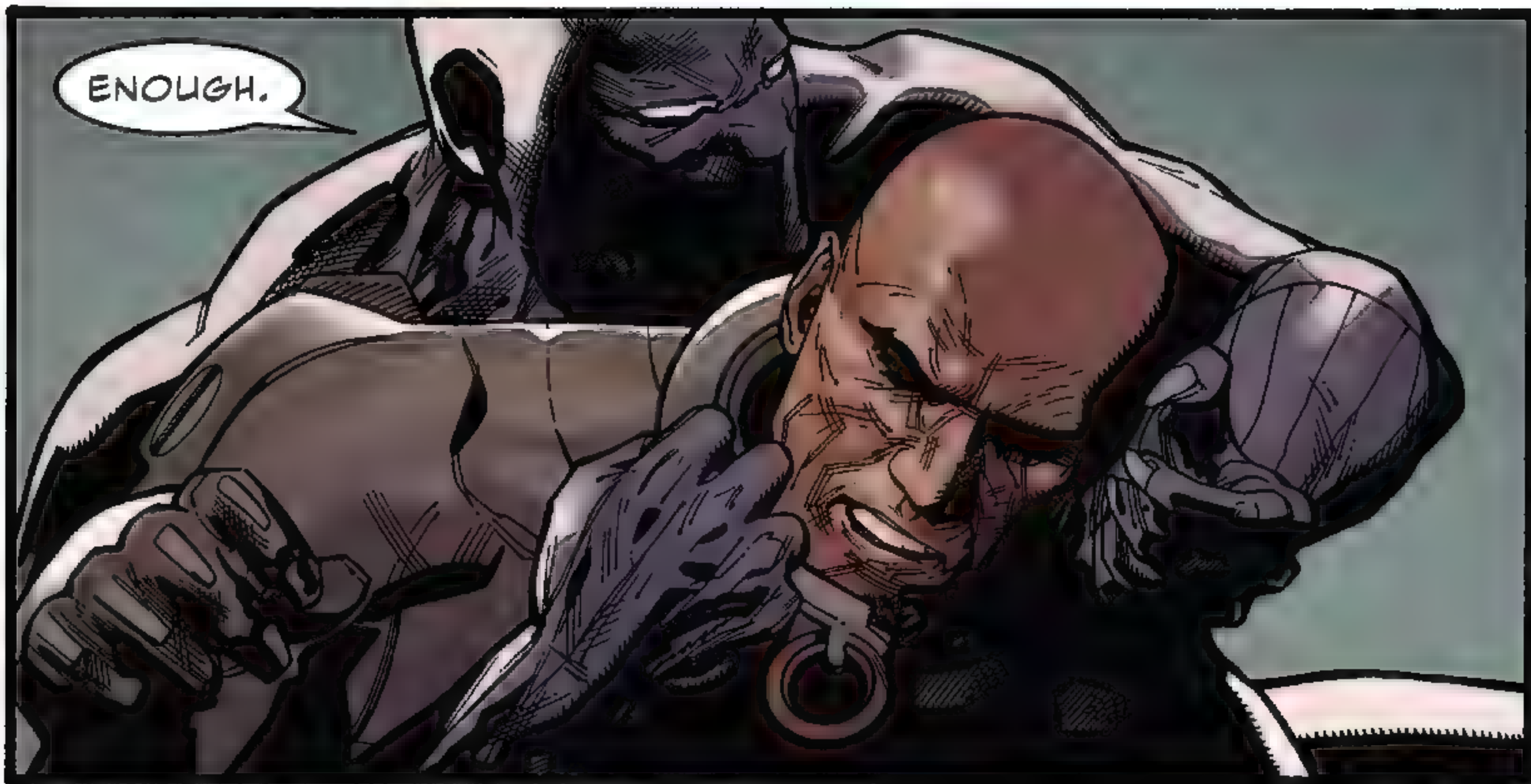
BUT
HE HAD
HELP.

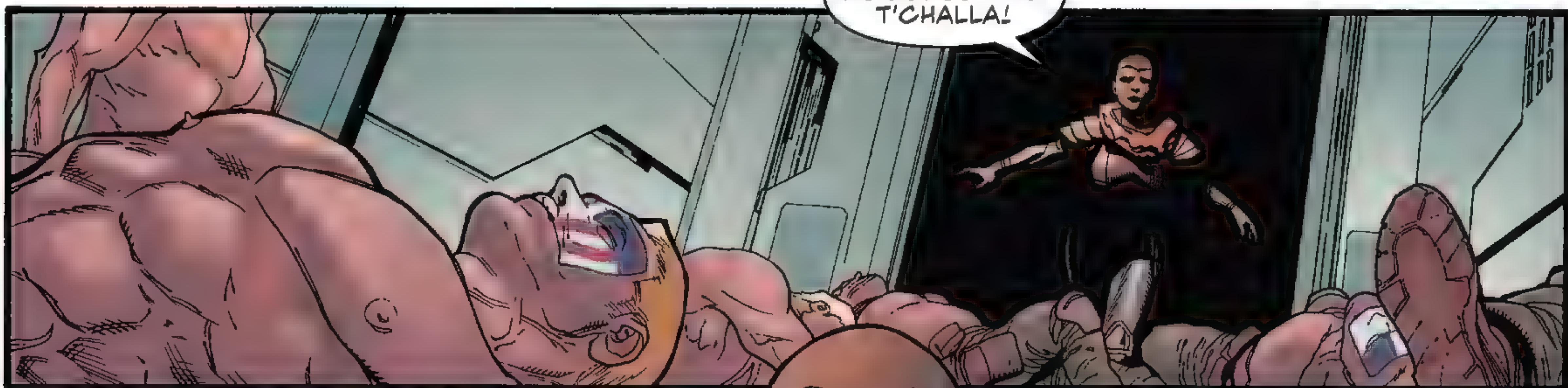
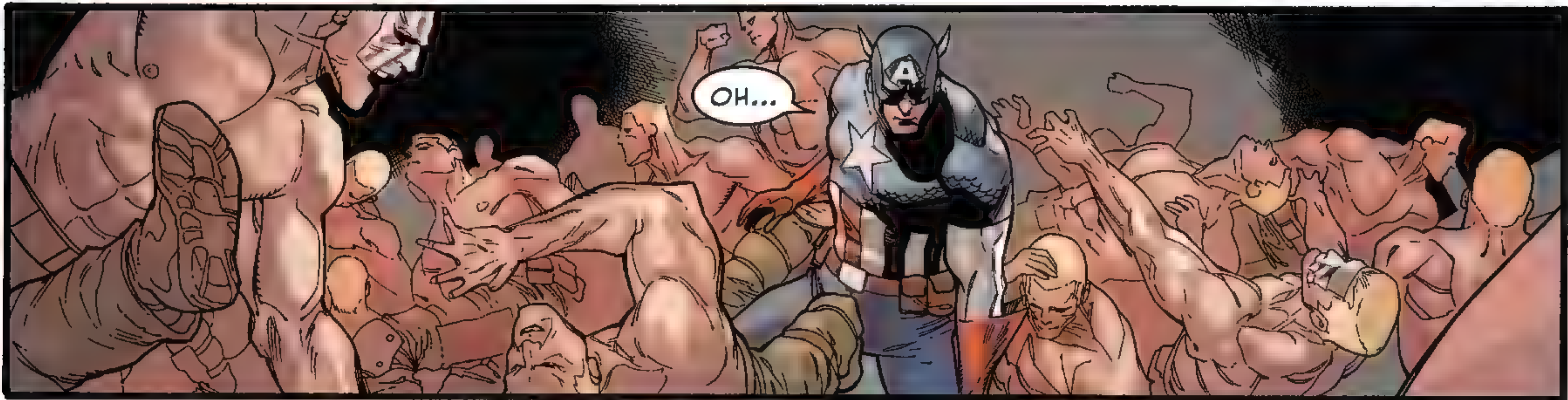


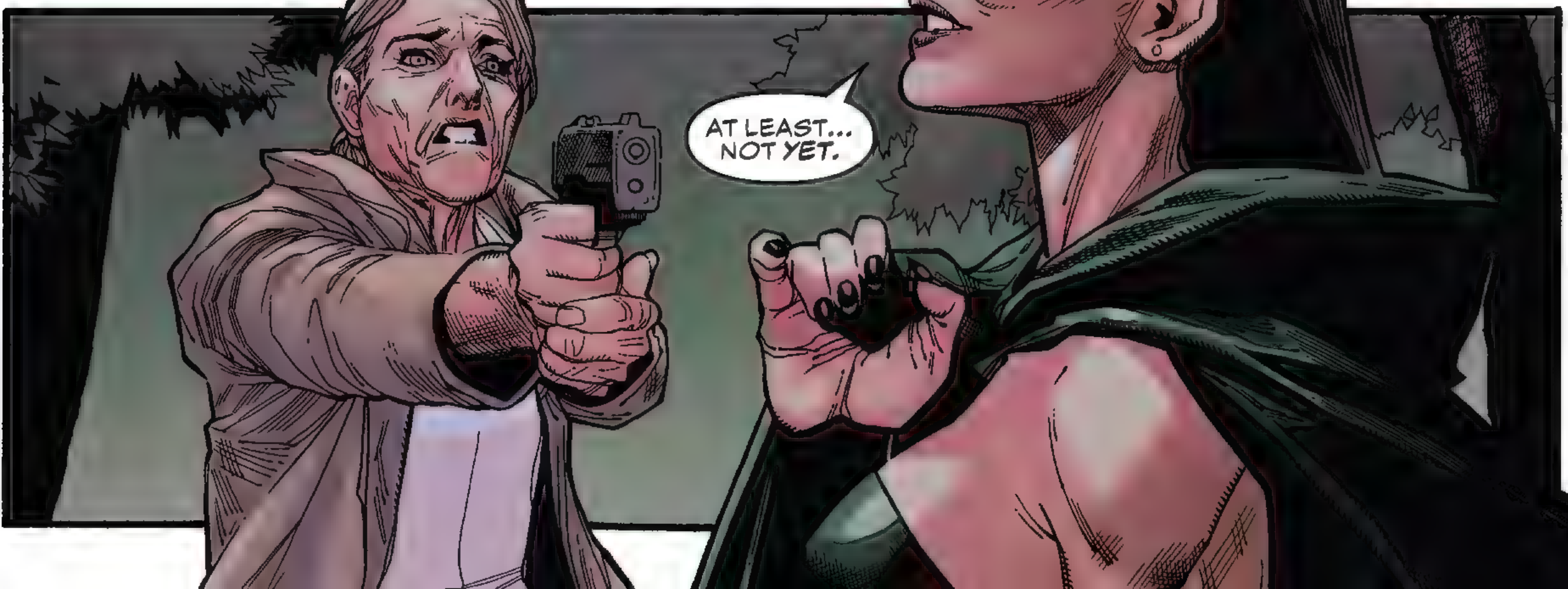
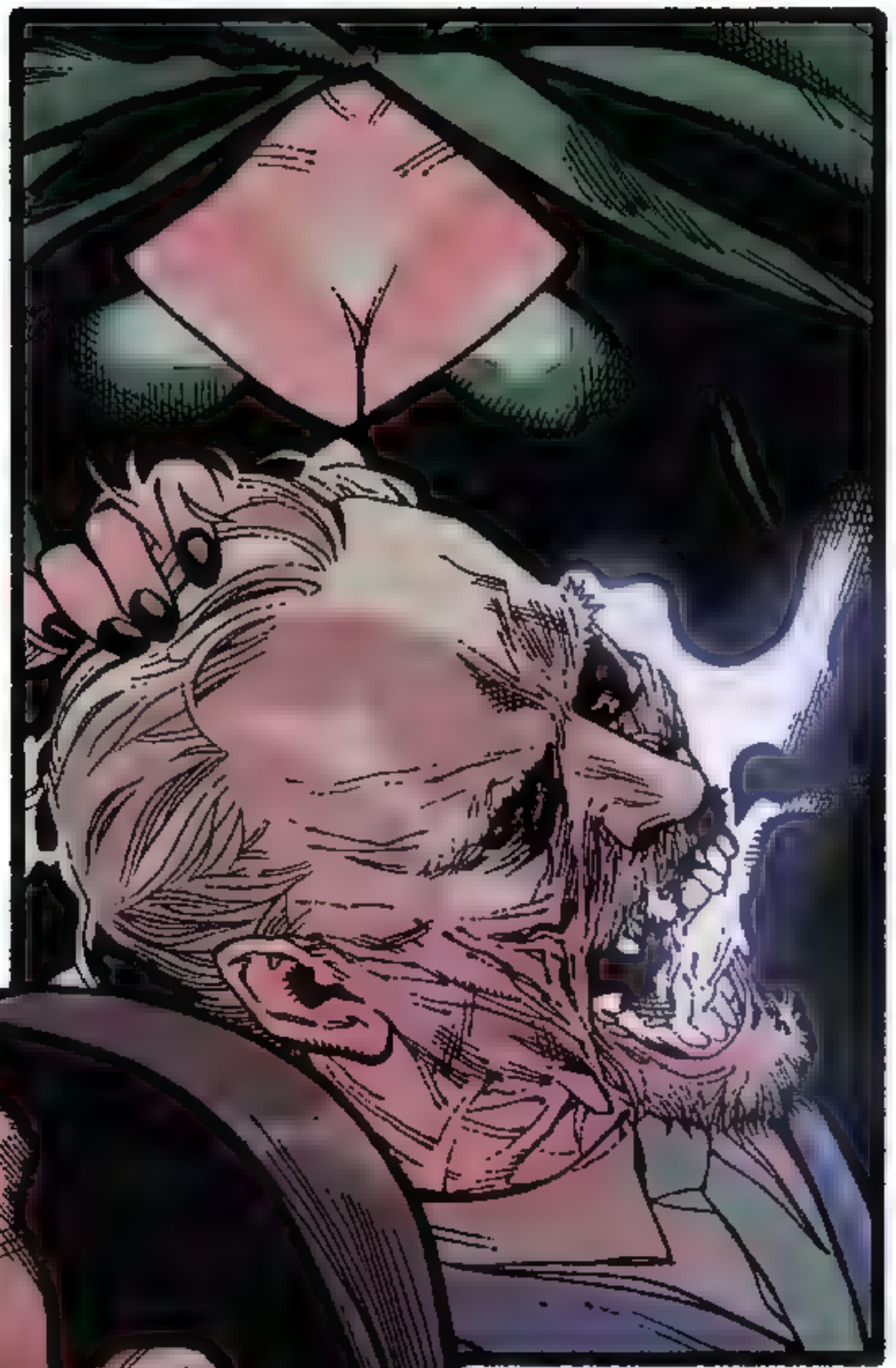
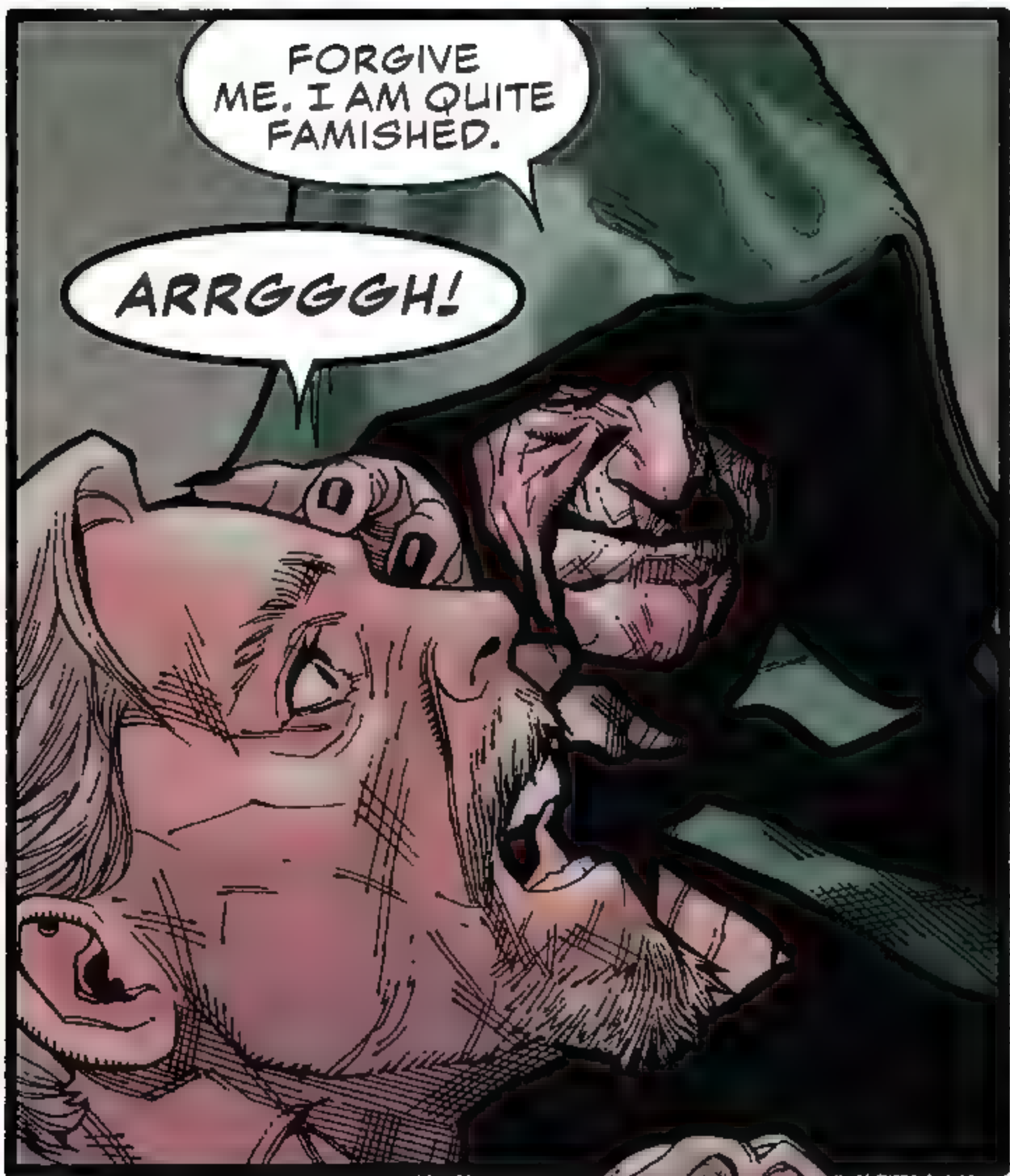
HELP IN
WASHINGTON.



WHO? AND
TO WHAT
END?









**ABANDONED
MILITARY BASE,
ALBERIA.**



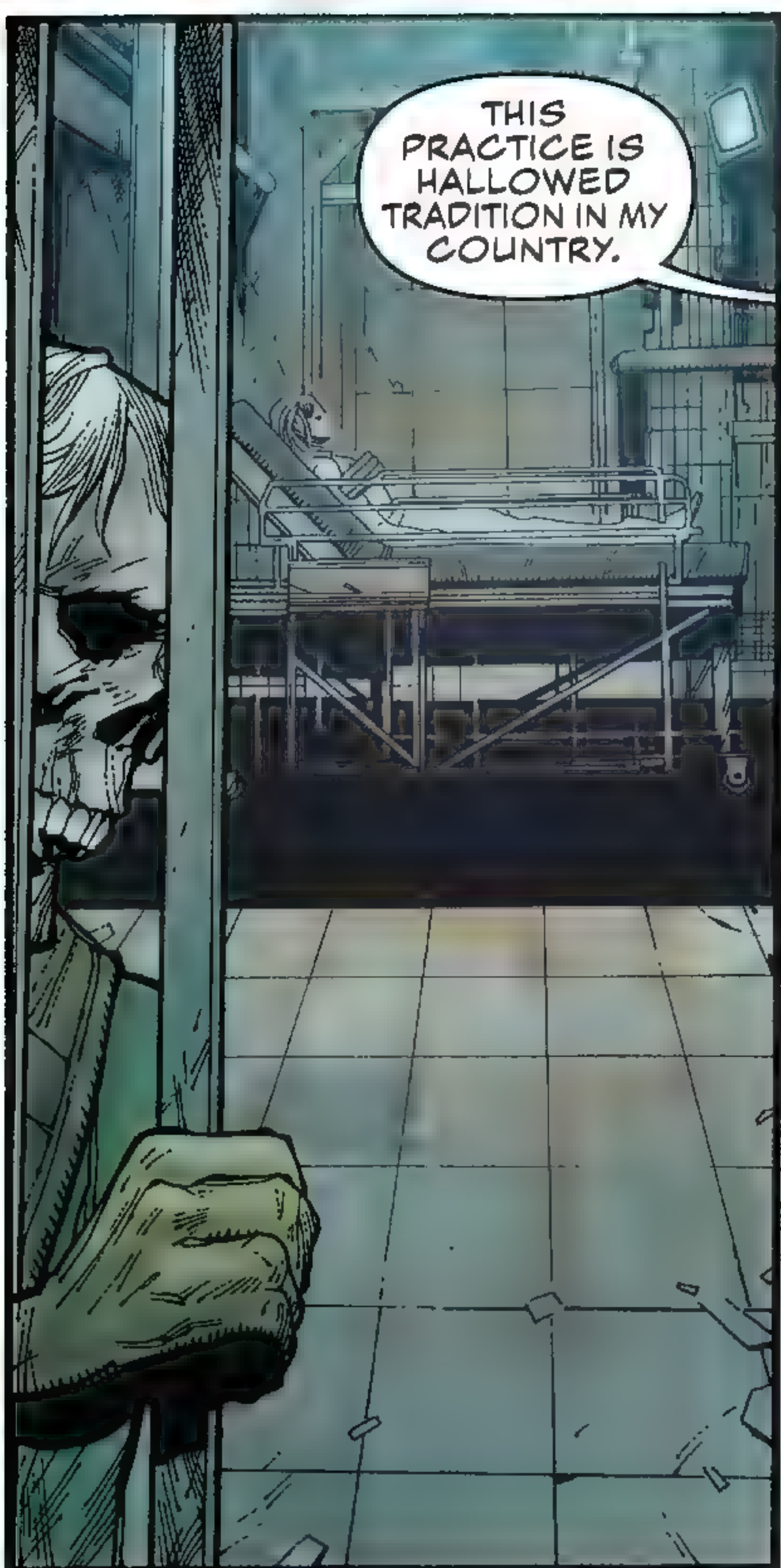
"A HEALTHY SOCIETY
MUST BE TESTED
NOW AND AGAIN."



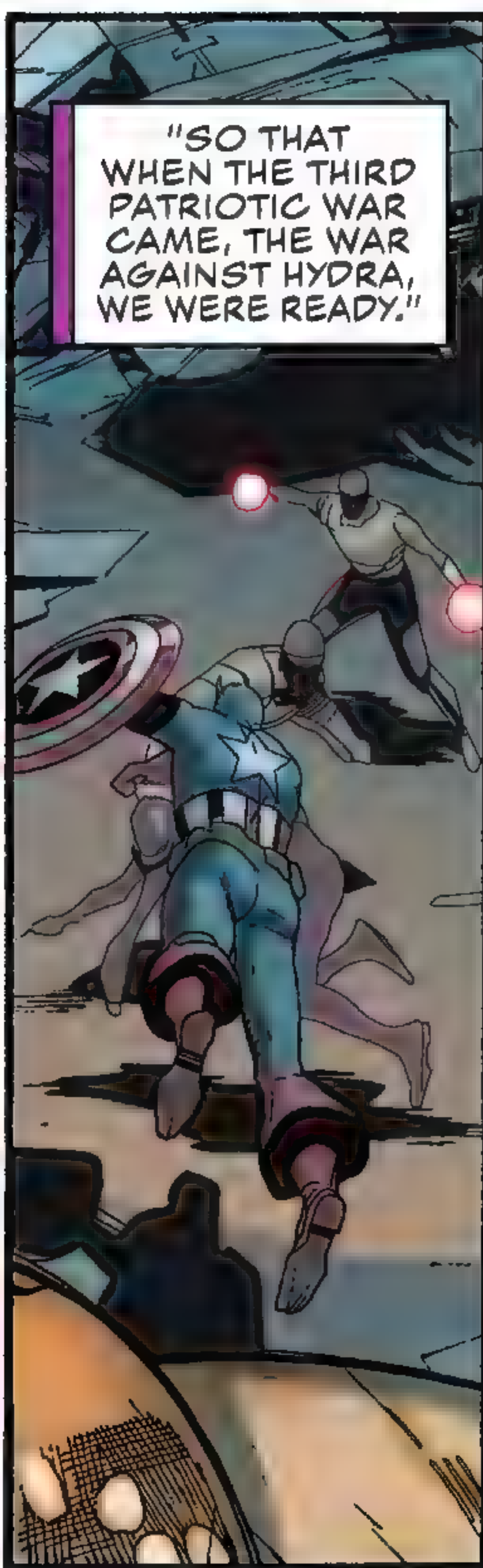
"FOR THE GARDEN
OF MEN TO GROW
STRONG, THE WEAK
MUST BE WEEDED."



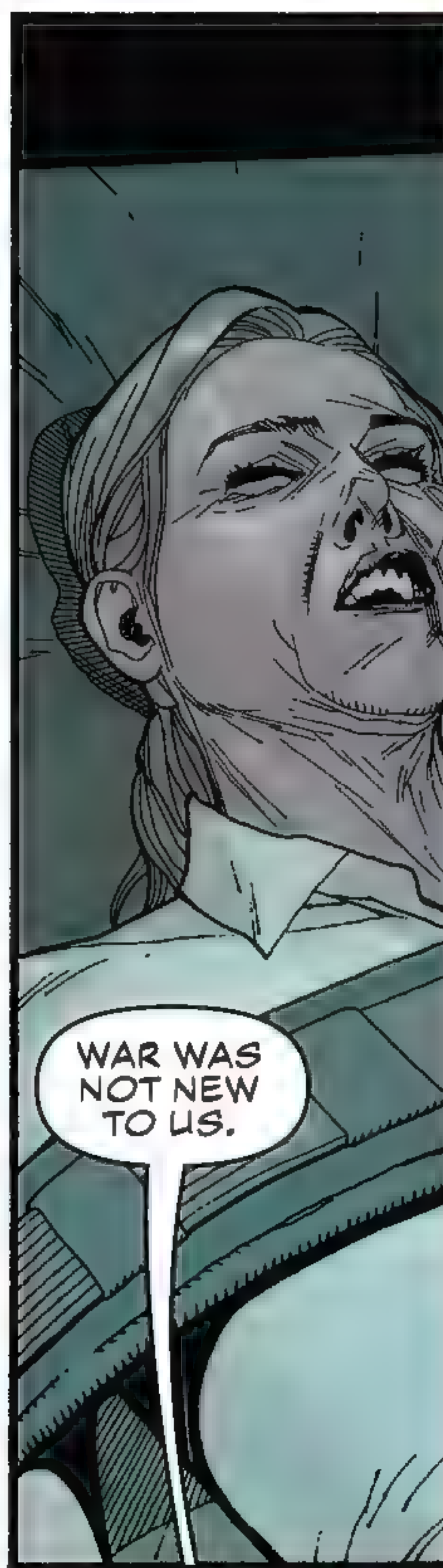
THIS
PRACTICE IS
HALLOWED
TRADITION IN MY
COUNTRY.



"SO THAT
WHEN THE THIRD
PATRIOTIC WAR
CAME, THE WAR
AGAINST HYDRA,
WE WERE READY."



WAR WAS
NOT NEW
TO US.



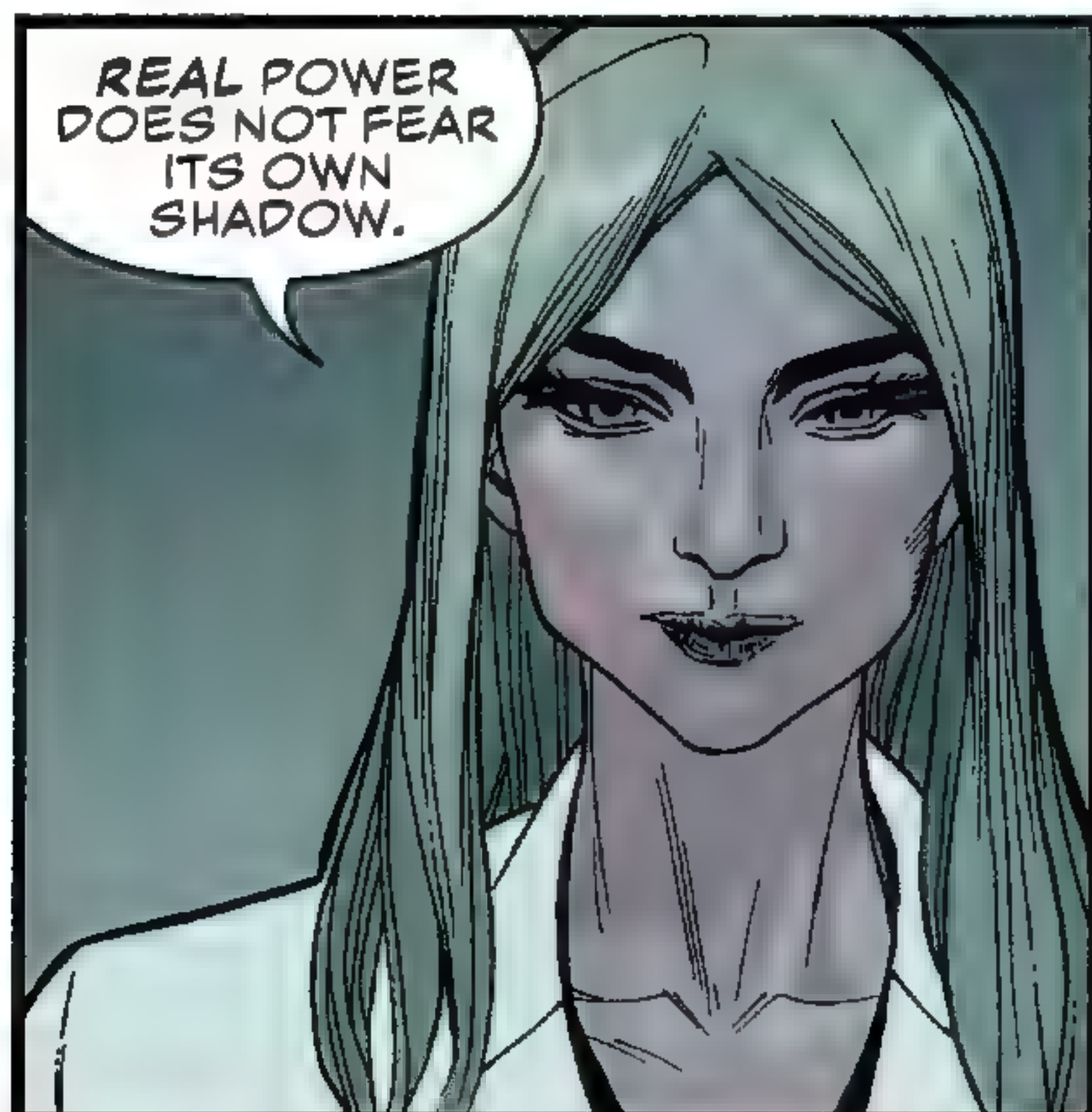
"FOR WHAT IS
WAR IN RUSSIA
BUT ANOTHER
NAME FOR LIFE
ITSELF?"



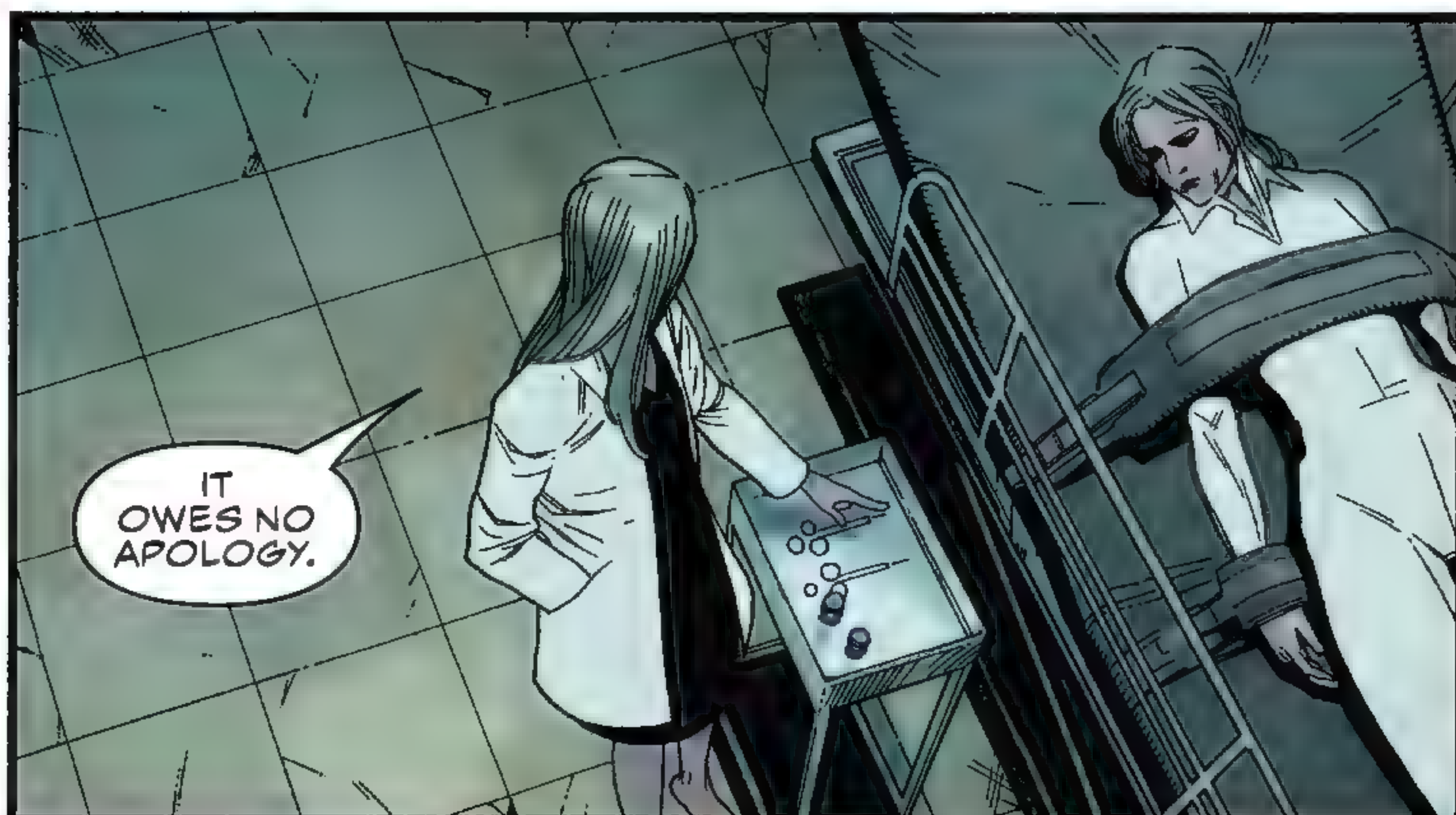


YOU SEE,
AGENT 13,
WE ARE NOT
LIKE YOU.

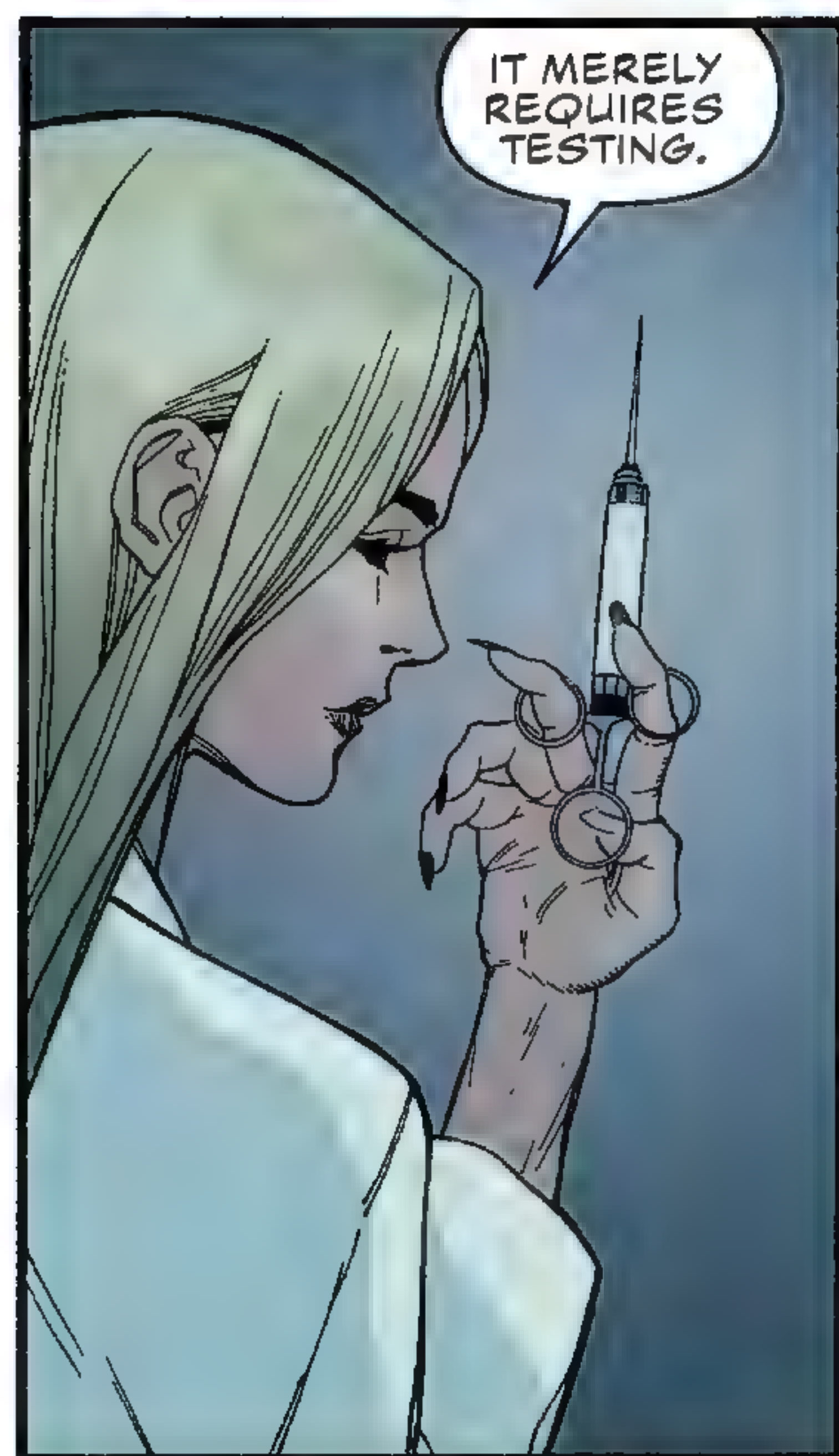
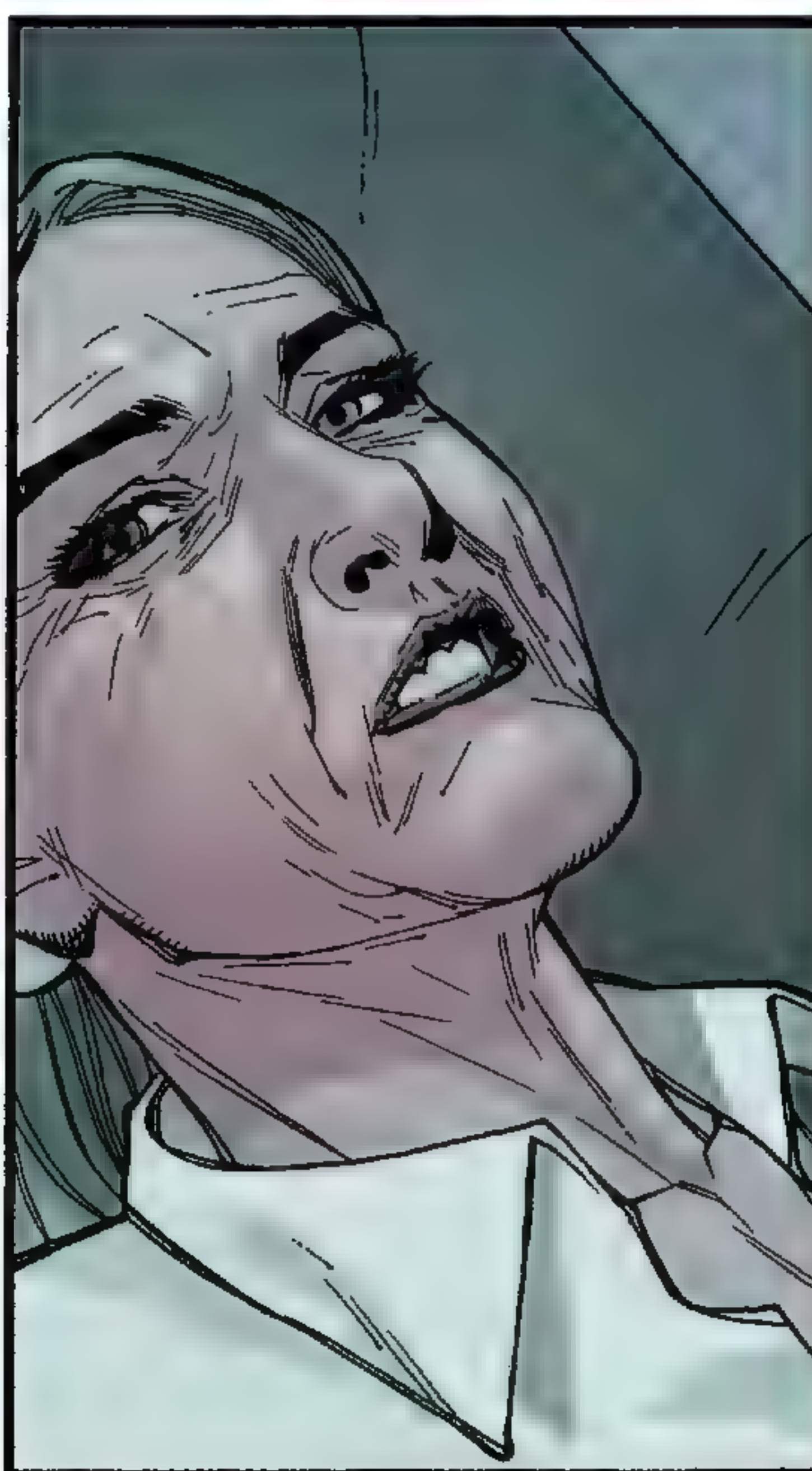
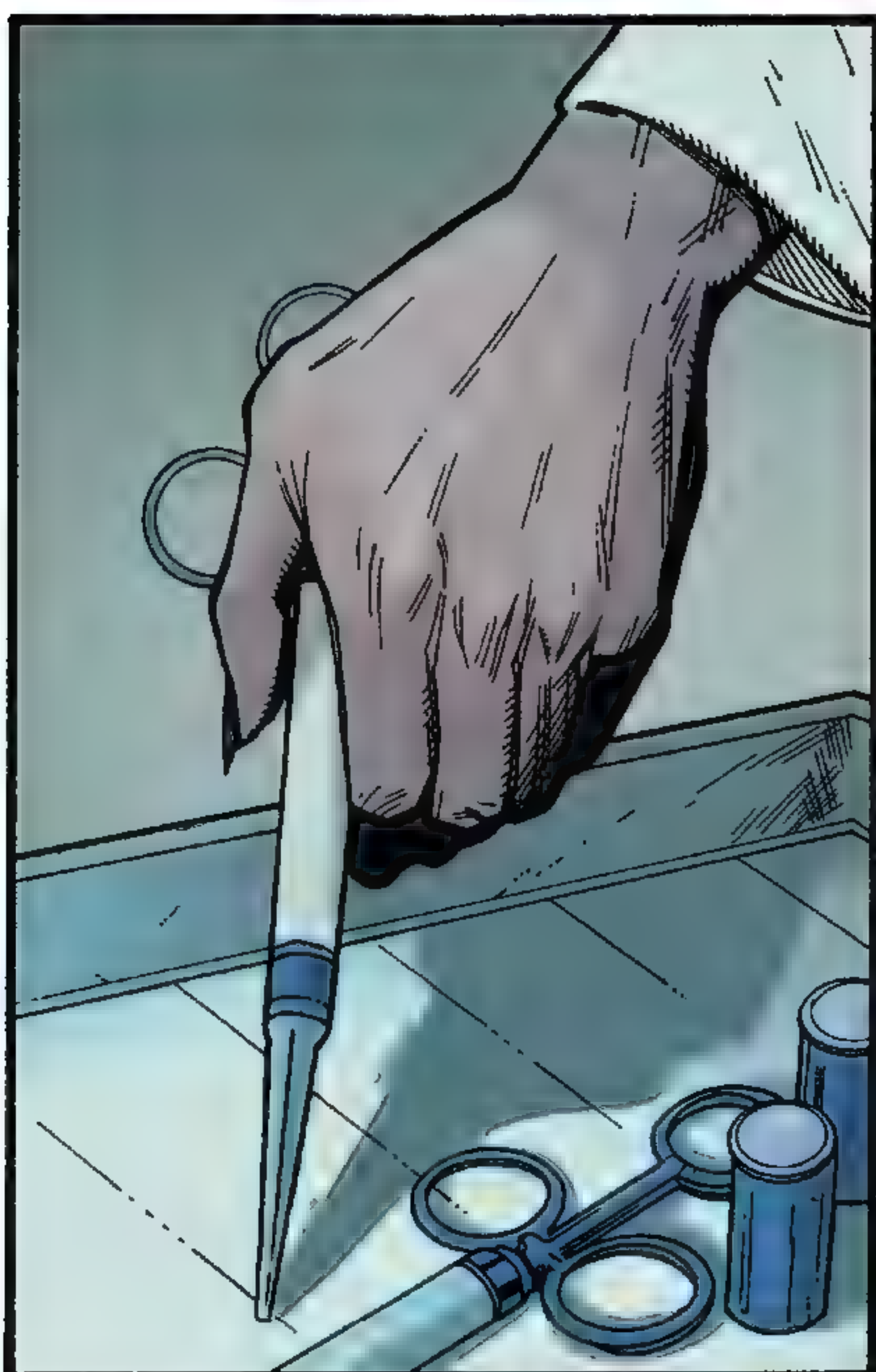
WE DO
NOT HUDDLE IN
OUR CITIES, AFRAID
OF OUR OWN EMPIRE,
APOLOGIZING
FOR OUR OWN
POWER.



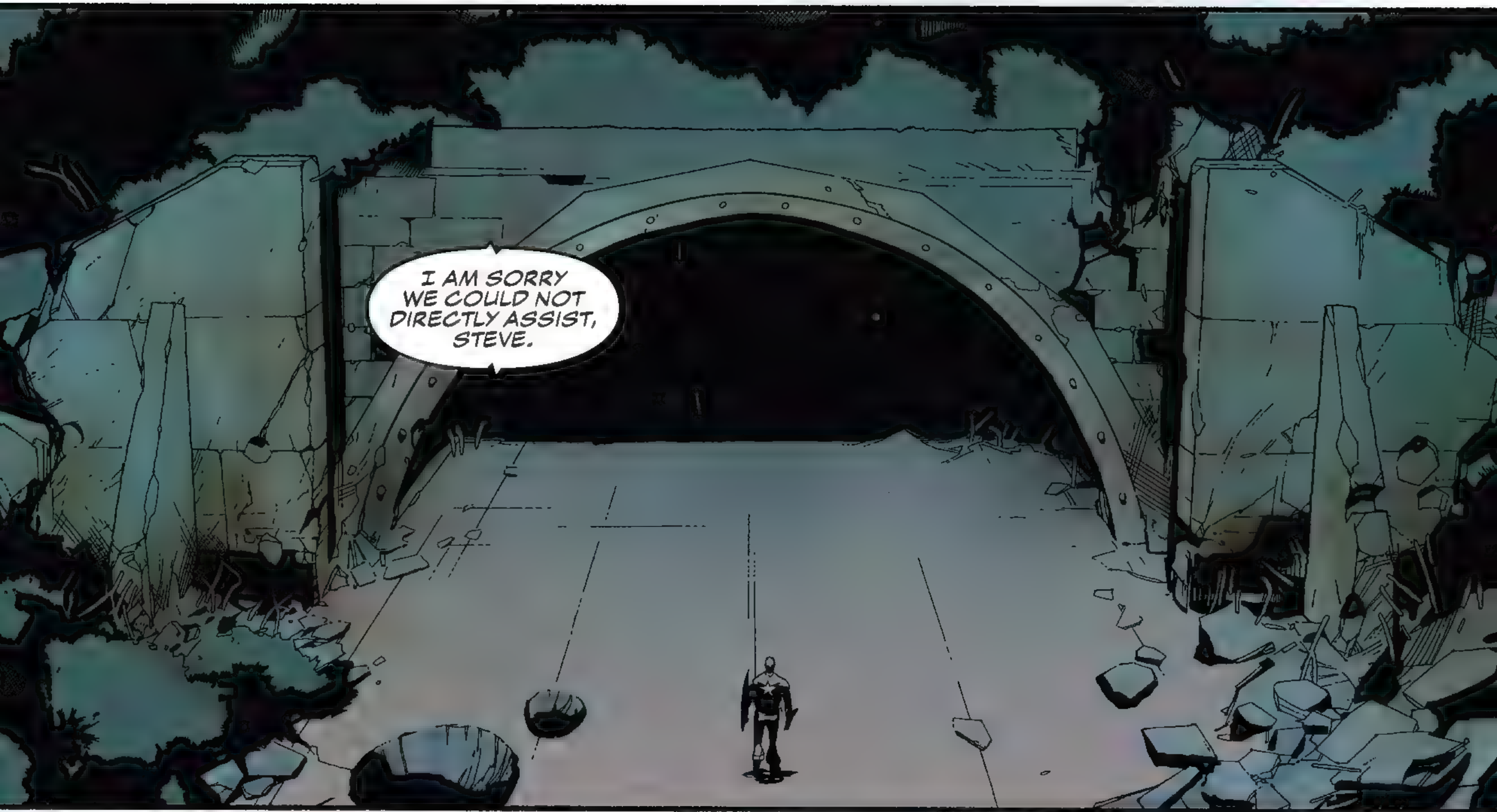
REAL POWER
DOES NOT FEAR
ITS OWN
SHADOW.

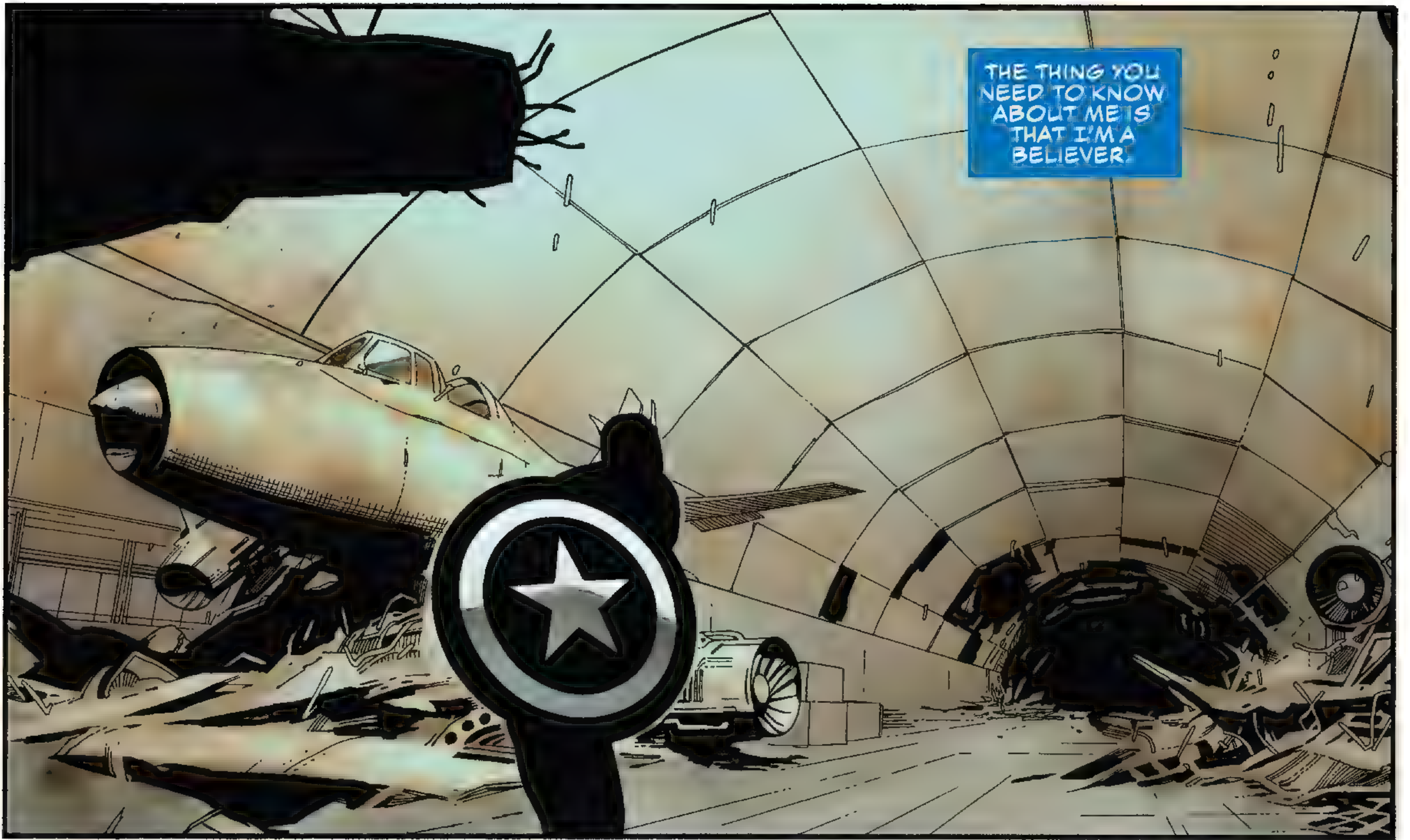


IT
OWES NO
APOLOGY.

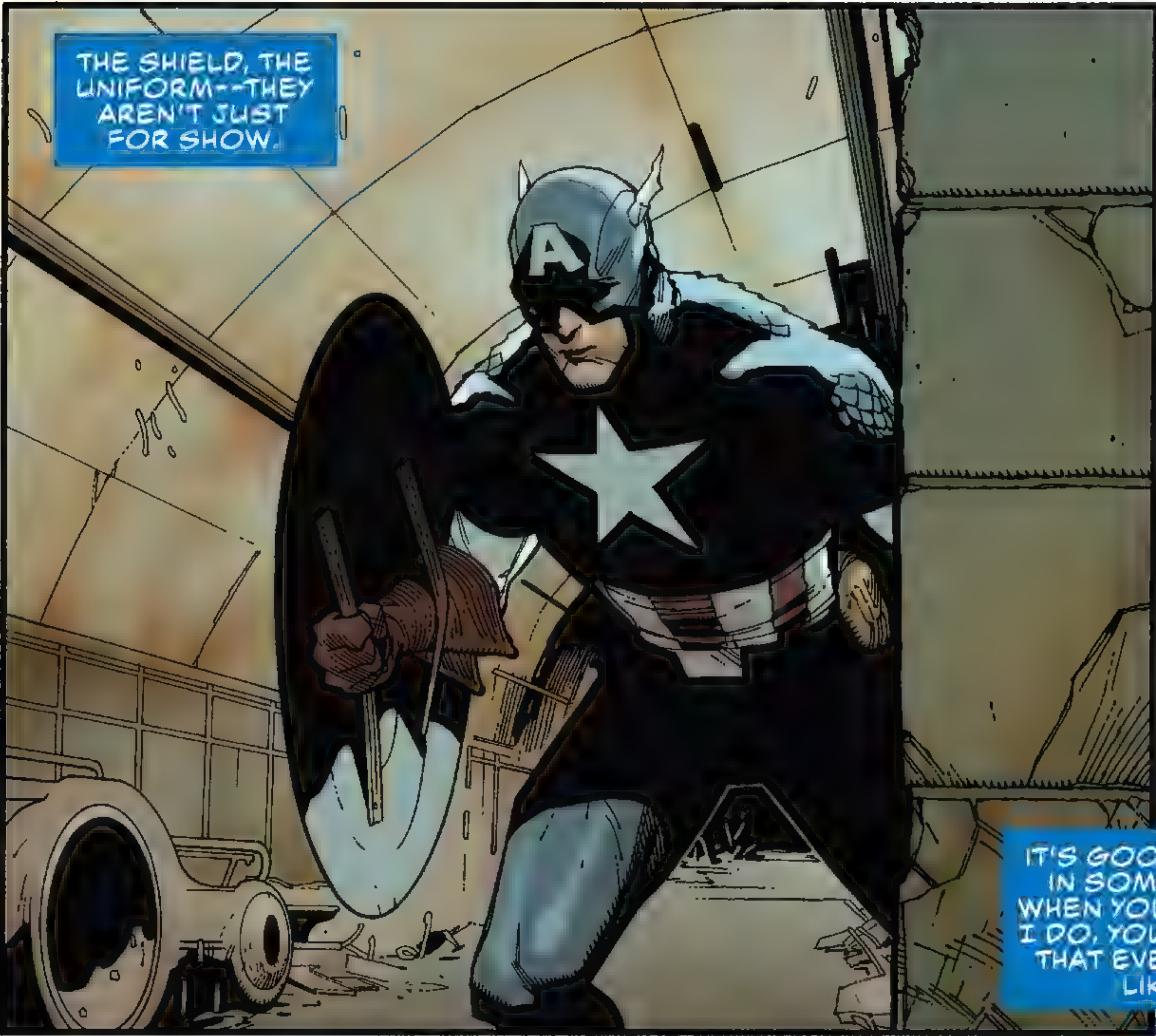


IT MERELY
REQUIRES
TESTING.





THE THING YOU
NEED TO KNOW
ABOUT ME IS
THAT I'M A
BELIEVER.



THE SHIELD, THE
UNIFORM--THEY
AREN'T JUST
FOR SHOW.



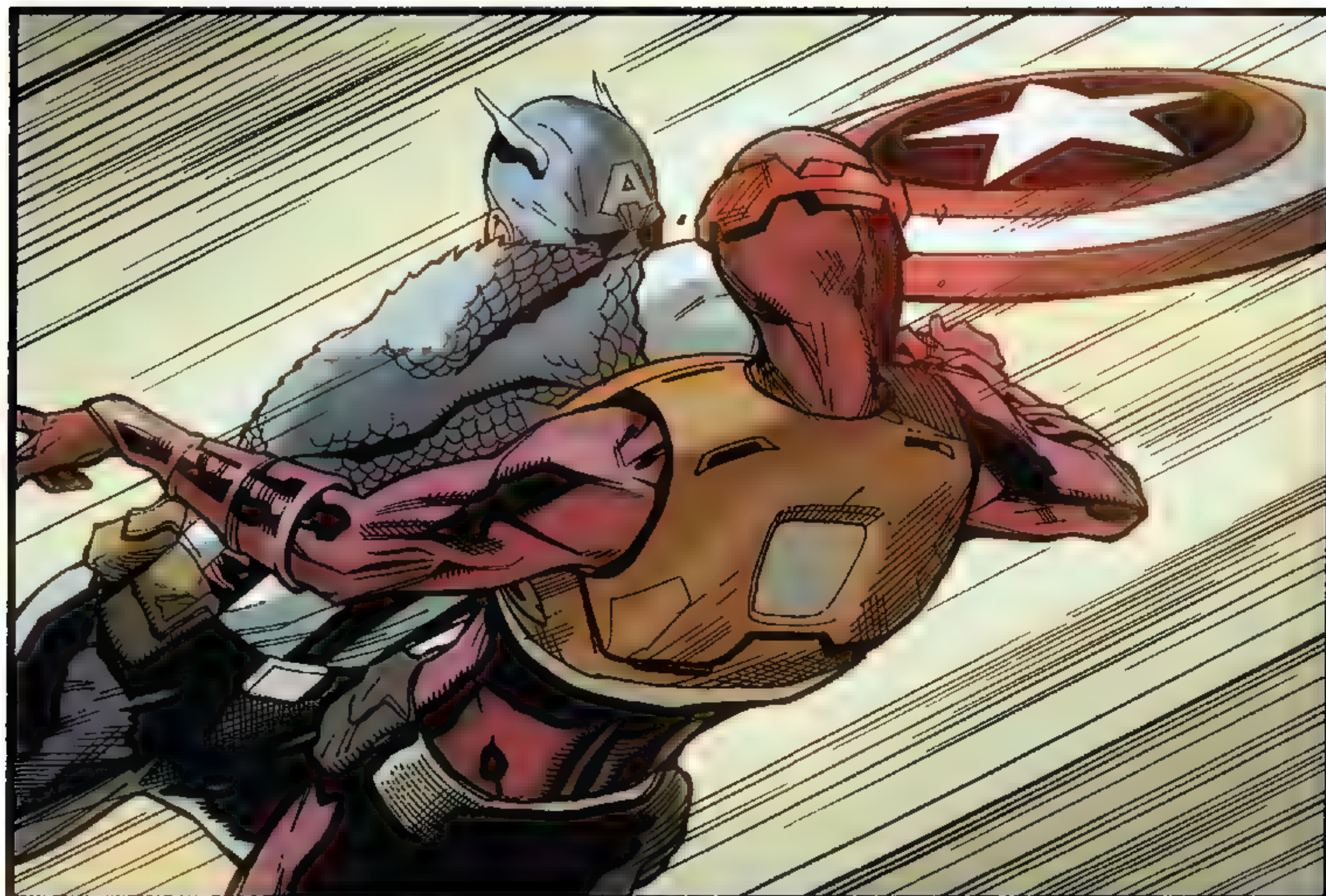
IT'S GOOD TO BELIEVE
IN SOMETHING. BUT
WHEN YOU BELIEVE LIKE
I DO, YOU CAN FORGET
THAT EVERYONE ISN'T
LIKE YOU.

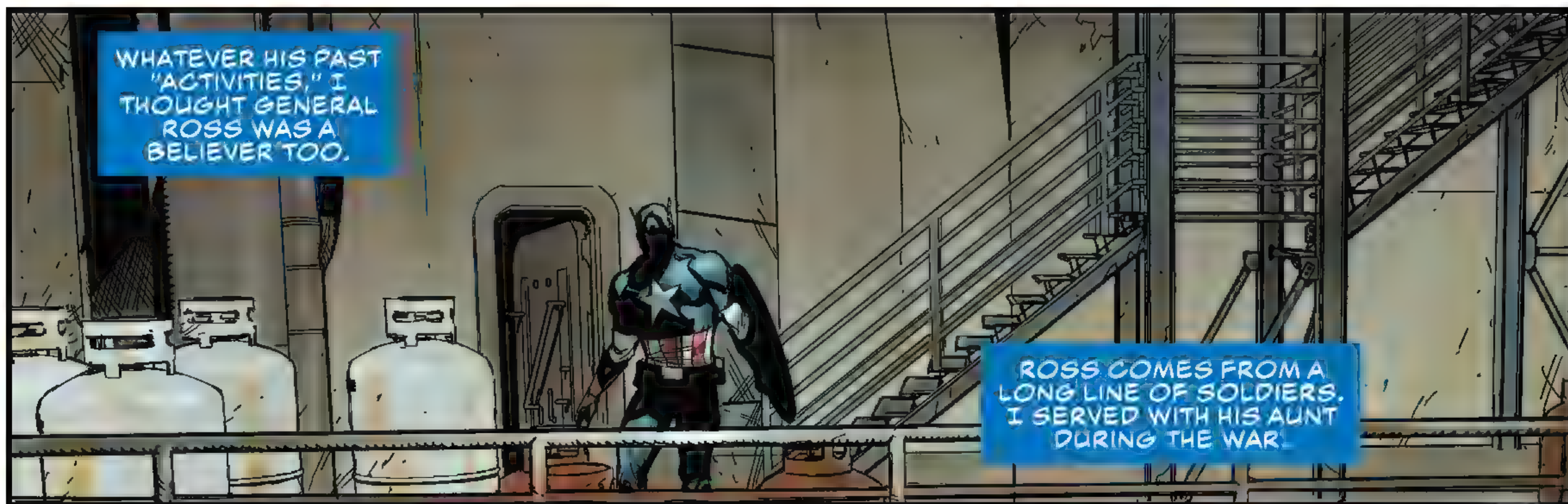


YOU FORGET
THAT TREACHERY
IS REAL.



THAT THERE TRULY
ARE MEN WHO WILL
SWEAR BEFORE THE
FLAG ONE DAY...





WHATEVER HIS PAST "ACTIVITIES," I THOUGHT GENERAL ROSS WAS A BELIEVER TOO.

ROSS COMES FROM A LONG LINE OF SOLDIERS. I SERVED WITH HIS AUNT DURING THE WAR.



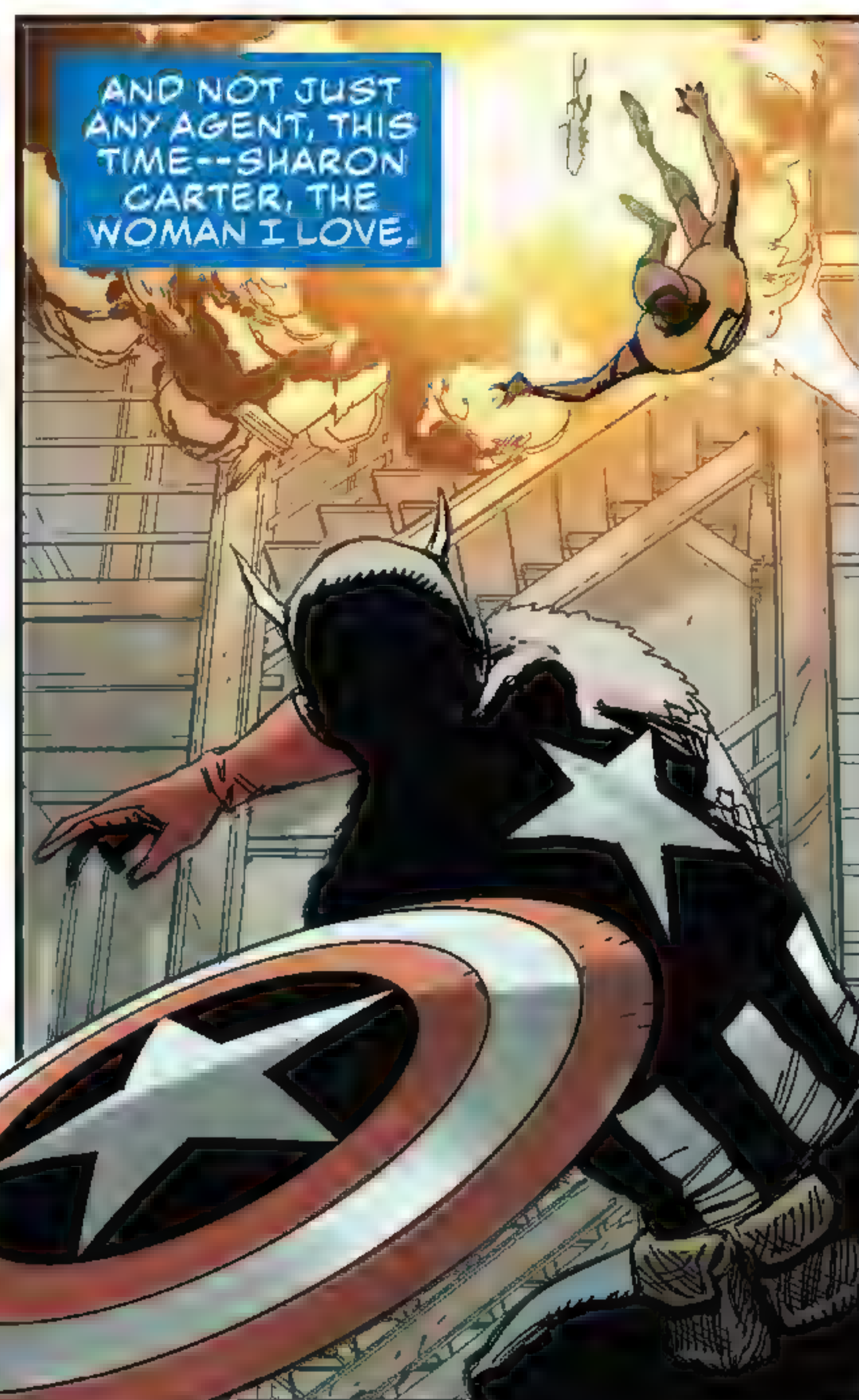
AND HE KEPT THAT TRADITION ALIVE-- ROSS ISN'T AN ARMCHAIR GENERAL. HE'S A DECORATED AIR FORCE PILOT.



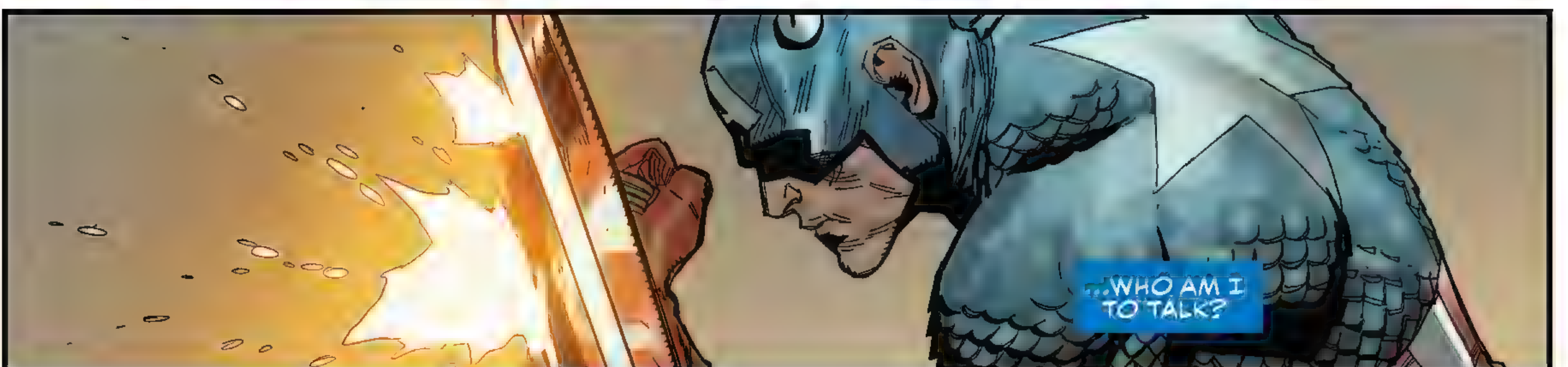
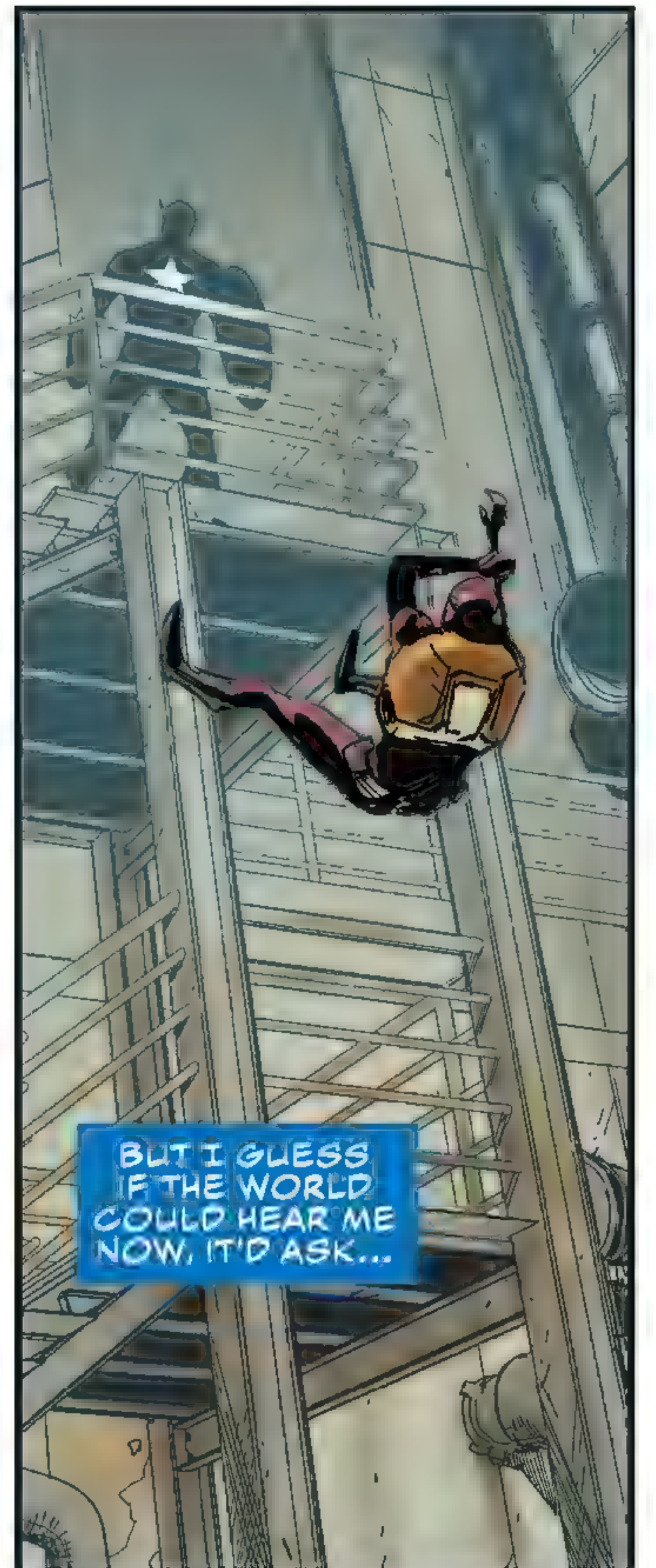
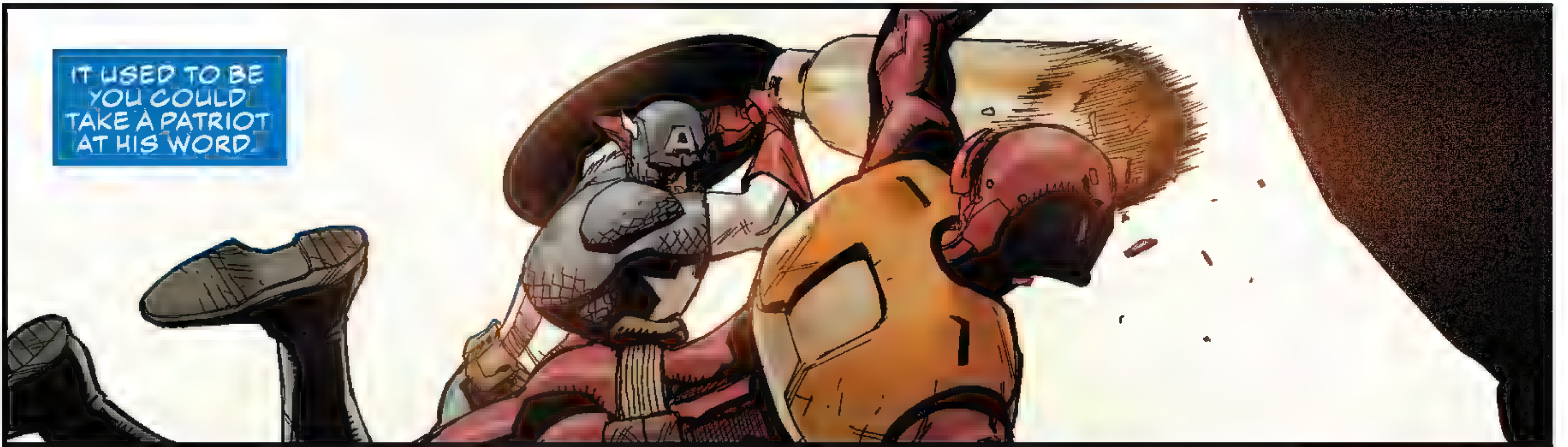
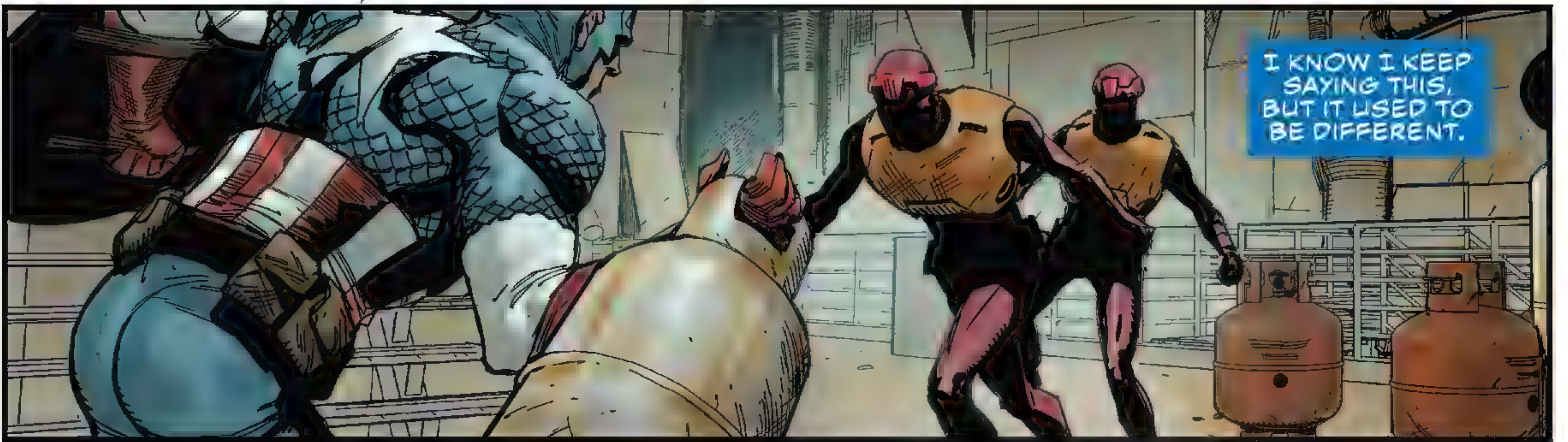
NOW HE WORKS WITH FILTH LIKE THE KINGPIN, STANE AND VON STRUCKER.

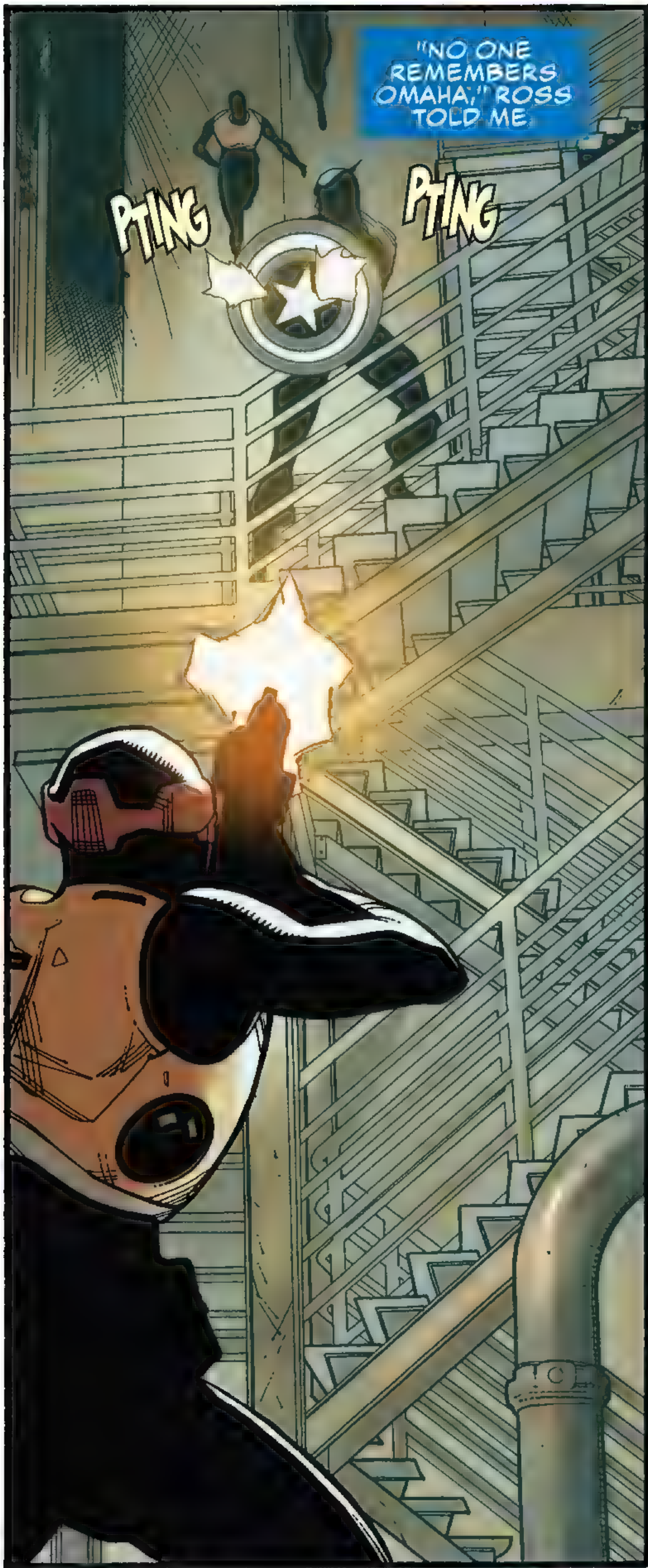


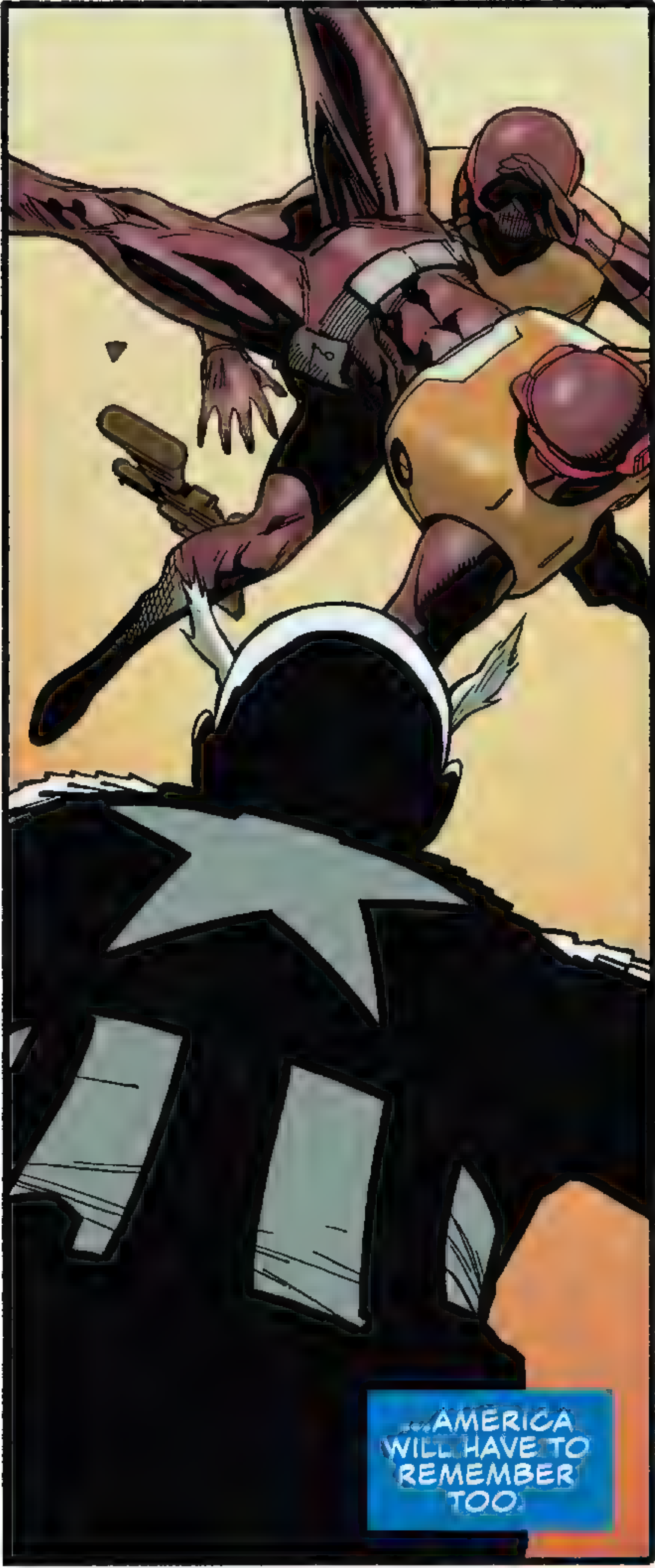
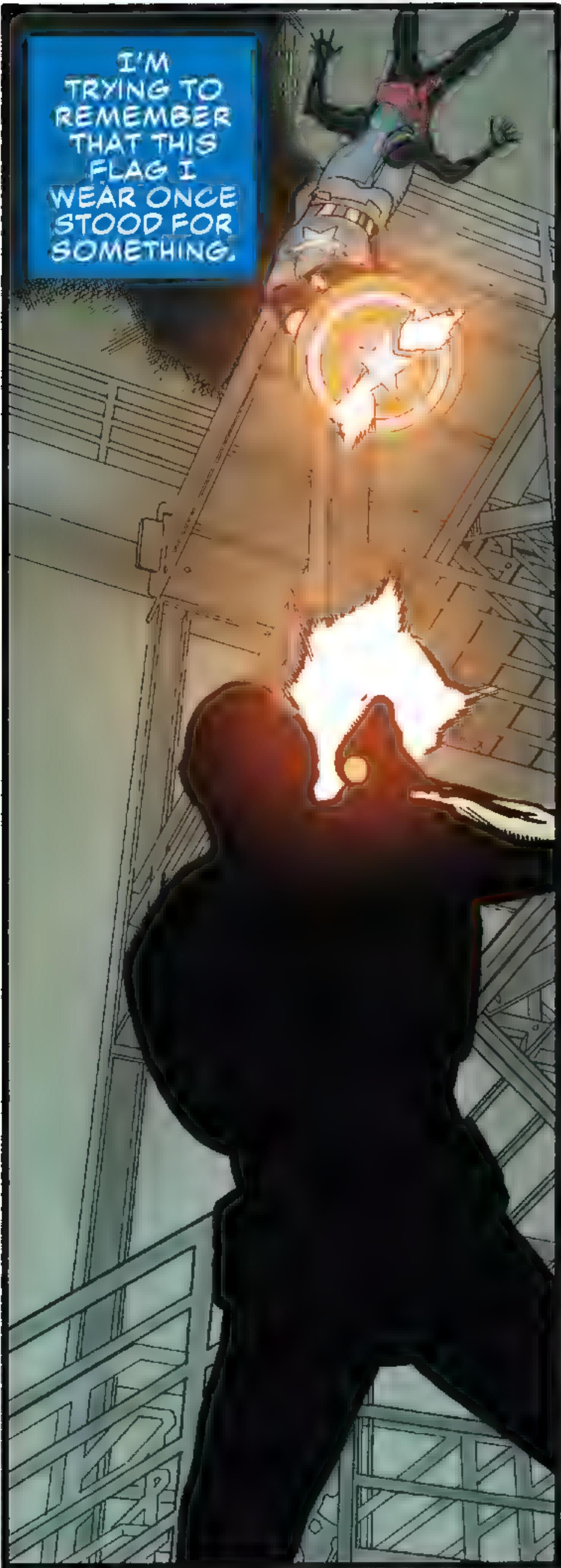
AND SENDS HIS OWN AGENTS INTO TRAPS.



AND NOT JUST ANY AGENT, THIS TIME-- SHARON CARTER, THE WOMAN I LOVE.





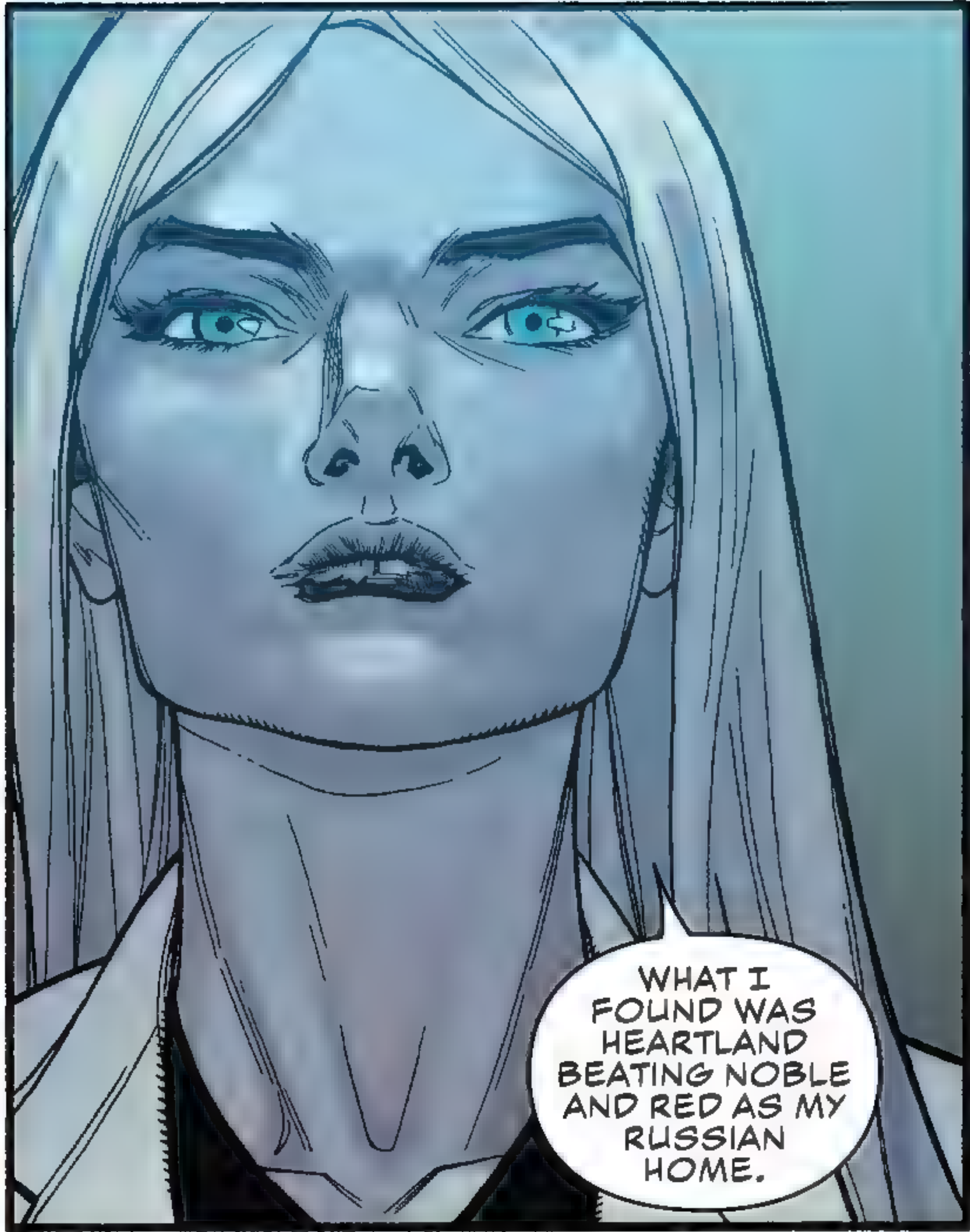




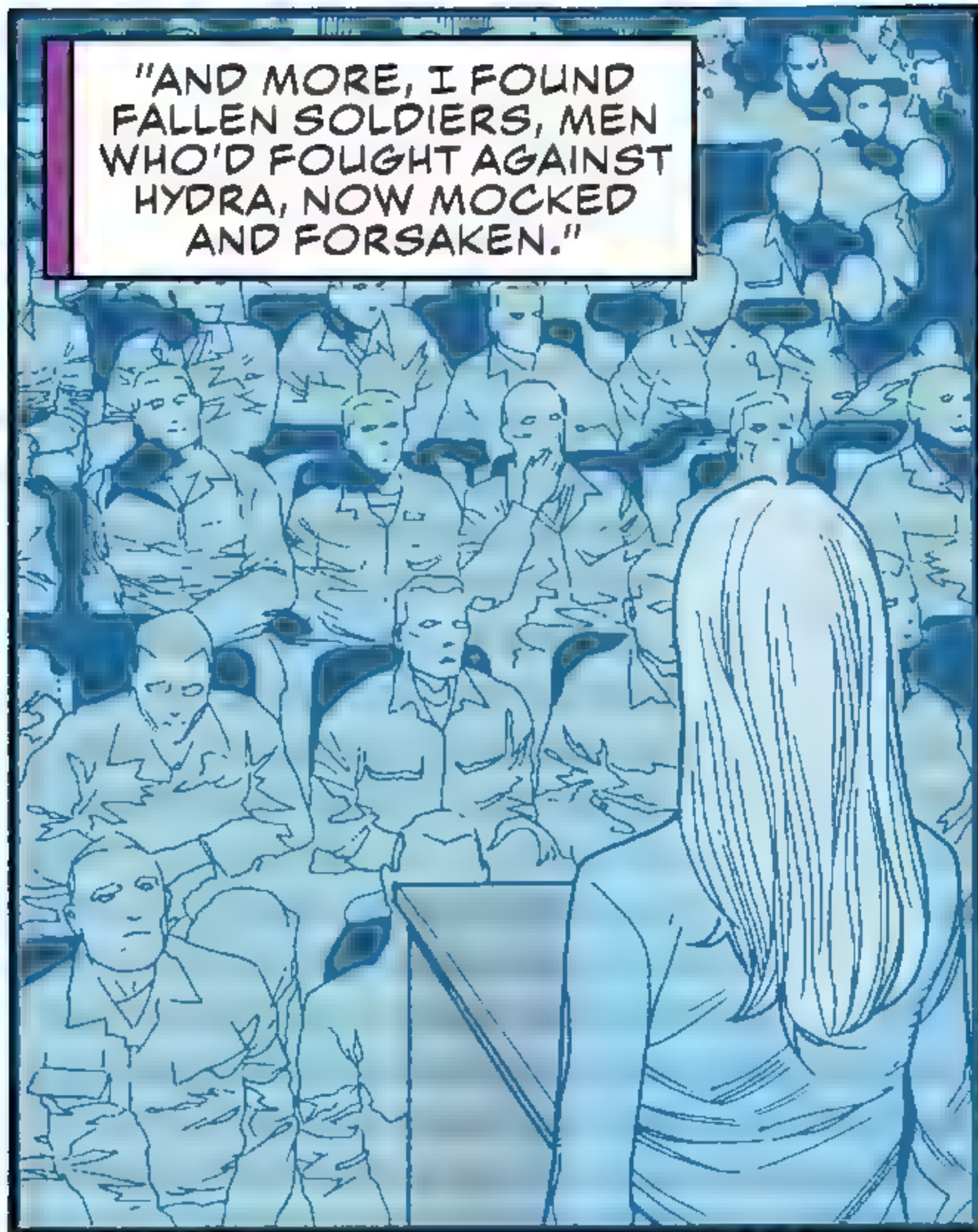
I ADMIT
TO MY SHARE
OF BIASES
ABOUT YOUR
COUNTRY,
AGENT 13.



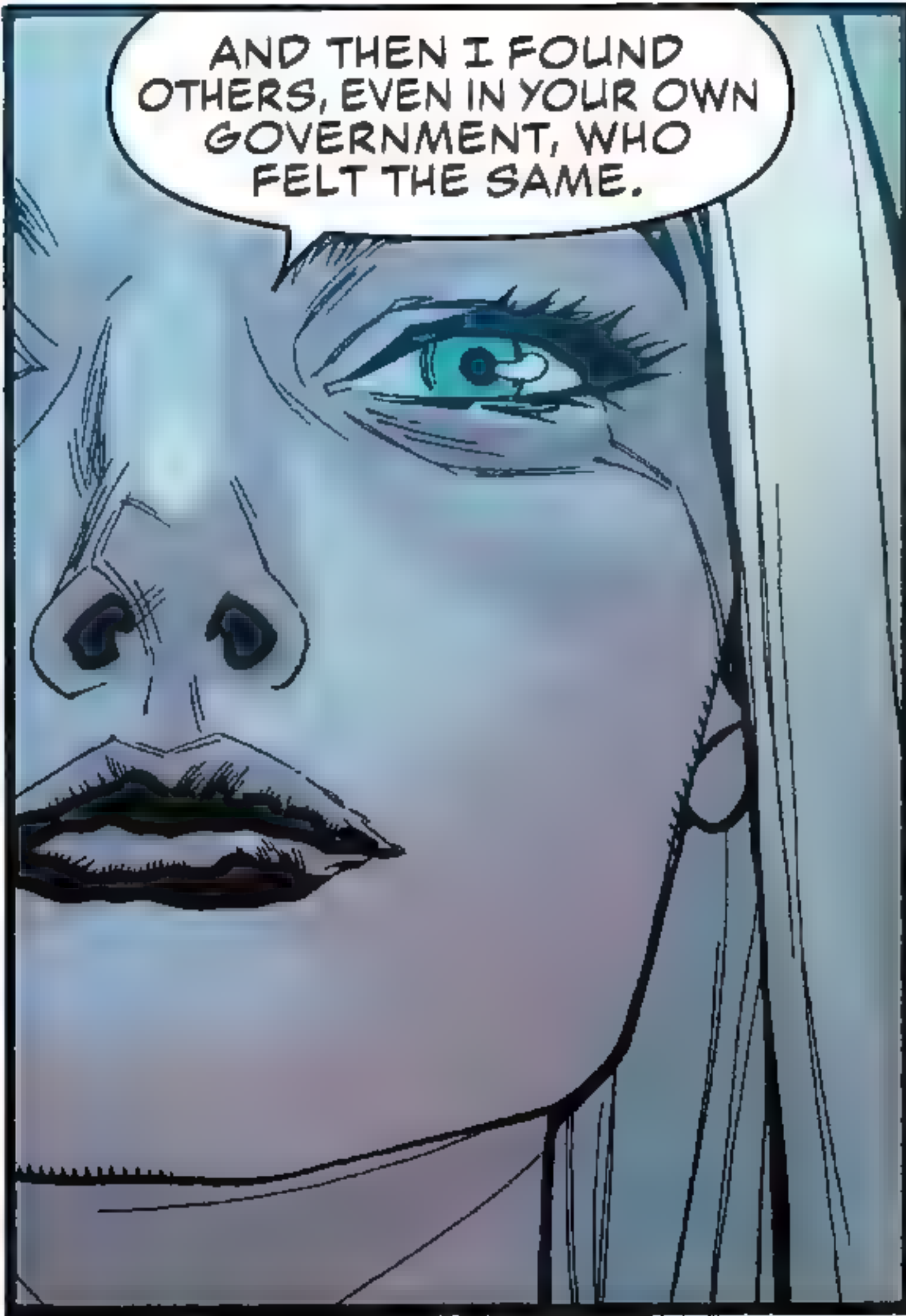
BUT THEN
I EXPLORED
AND MADE MY
WAY BEYOND
YOUR INFESTED
CITIES.



WHAT I
FOUND WAS
HEARTLAND
BEATING NOBLE
AND RED AS MY
RUSSIAN
HOME.



"AND MORE, I FOUND
FALLEN SOLDIERS, MEN
WHO'D FOUGHT AGAINST
HYDRA, NOW MOCKED
AND FORSAKEN."



AND THEN I FOUND
OTHERS, EVEN IN YOUR OWN
GOVERNMENT, WHO
FELT THE SAME.



ROSS...



AND THEN I SAW IT--
THEY'RE ALL RUSSIAN.
THIS WHOLE UNITED
STATES IS
RUSSIAN.

A GLORIOUS
PROLETARIAT
AWAITED US.

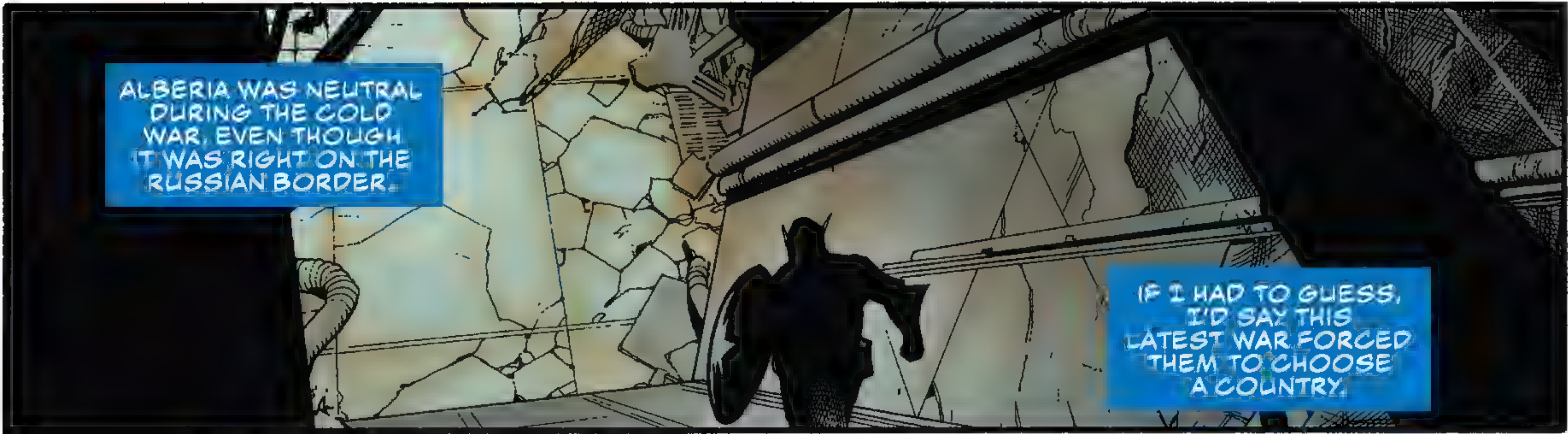


I KNEW
THAT THIS NOBLE
HEARTLAND WOULD
NEVER OPPOSE
OUR EFFORTS.

WE WOULD
BE EMBRACED IN
AMERICA...



...AND
GREETED AS
LIBERATORS.



ALBERIA WAS NEUTRAL
DURING THE COLD
WAR, EVEN THOUGH
IT WAS RIGHT ON THE
RUSSIAN BORDER.

IF I HAD TO GUESS,
I'D SAY THIS
LATEST WAR FORCED
THEM TO CHOOSE
A COUNTRY.



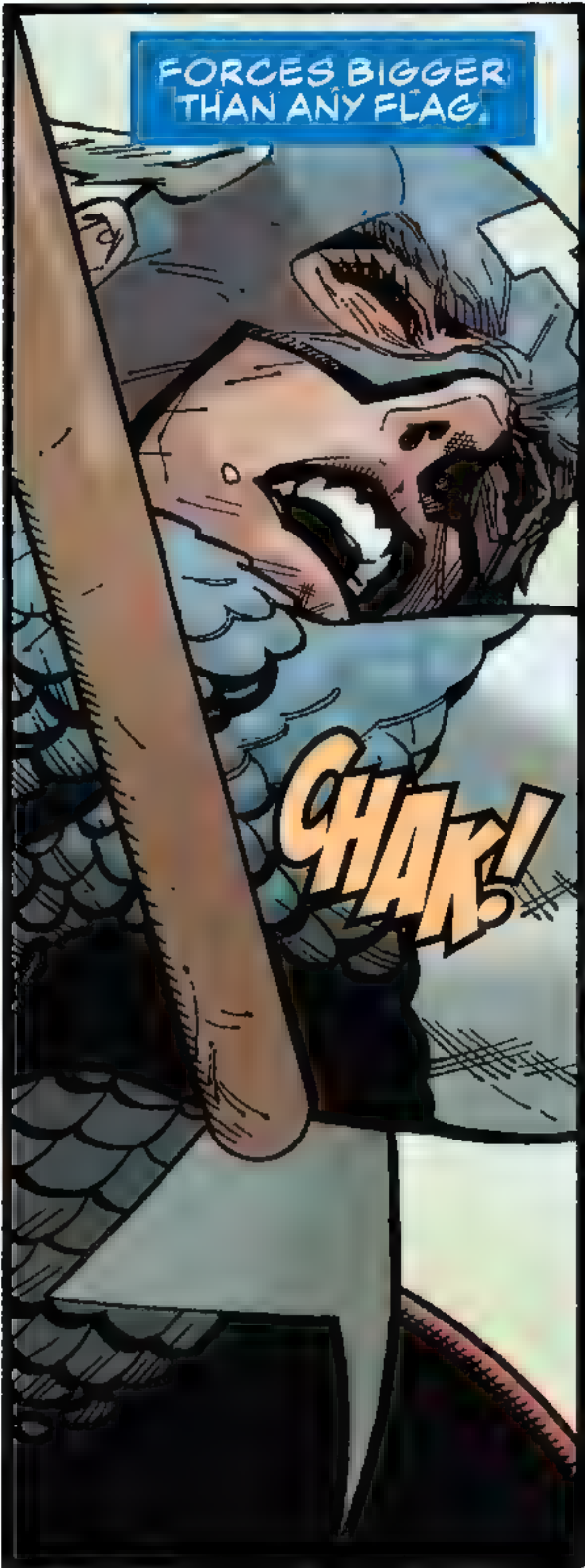
BUT I WONDER
IF "COUNTRY"
IS EVEN THE
POINT ANYMORE.

OR IF THERE ARE
OTHER FORCES
AT WORK.



FORCES
BIGGER THAN
ANY COUNTRY.

FWIP

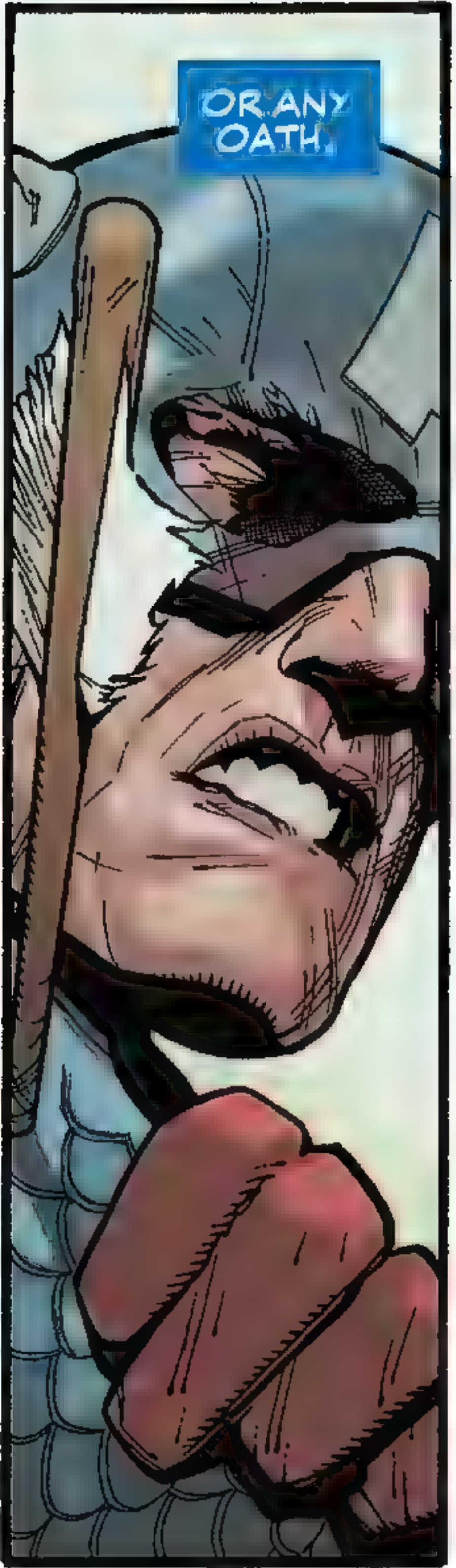


FORCES BIGGER
THAN ANY FLAG.

CHAK!



LINGH!



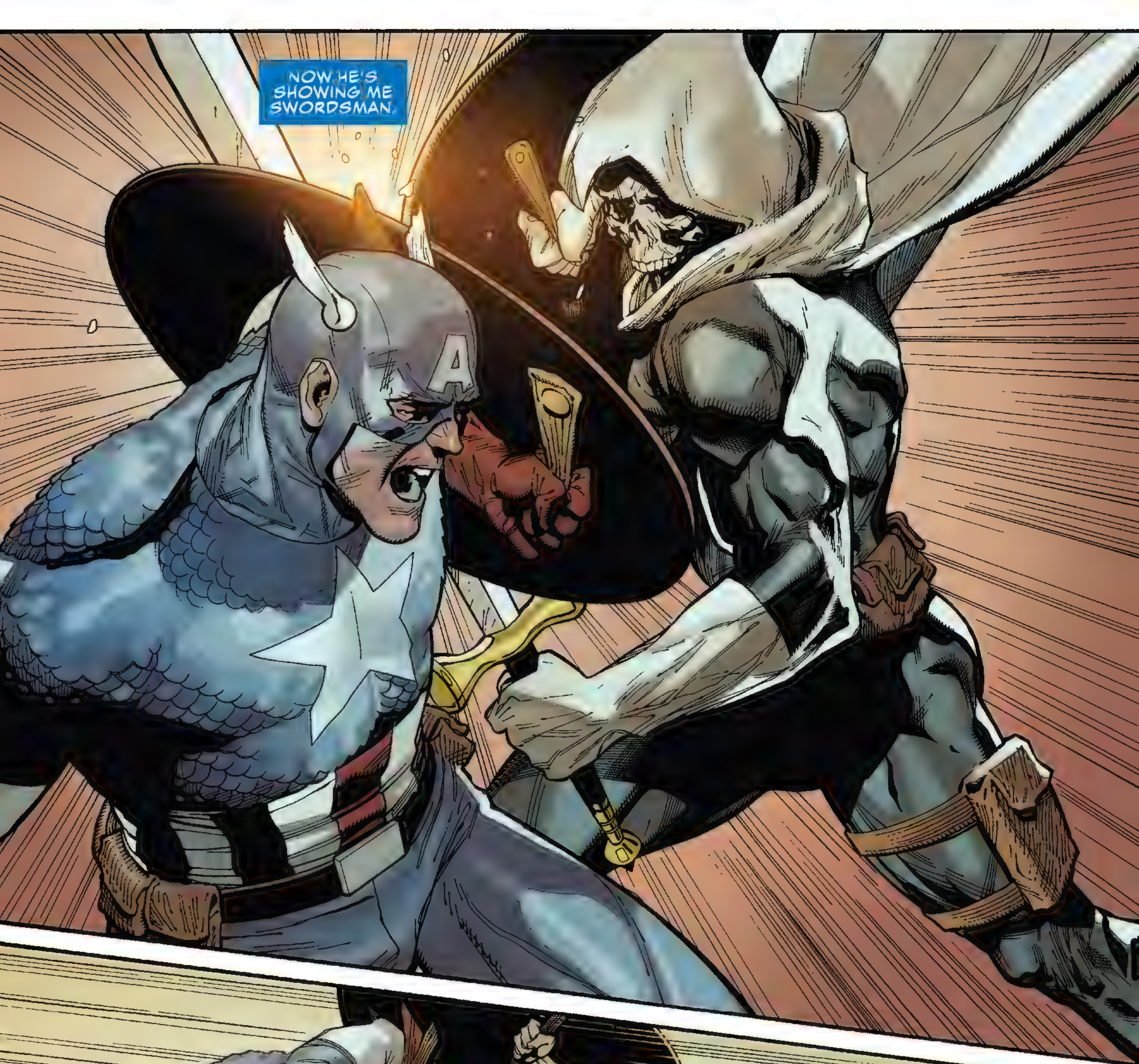
OR ANY
OATH.

A full-page comic book illustration of Taskmaster. He is depicted from the waist up, wearing a grey tactical suit with a brown utility belt featuring three yellow circular pouches. He has a white hood with a black mask that has glowing orange eyes. He is holding a large, circular shield with a yellow and black design in his left hand and a sword in his right hand. The background is dark and textured, suggesting a night scene or a dark environment. The overall style is typical of Marvel comic book art, with bold lines and a high-contrast color palette.

THE MAN
CALLS HIMSELF
TASKMASTER--
HE'S A MIMIC OF
SORTS.

SELLS HIS
SKILLS TO
THE HIGHEST
BIDDER.

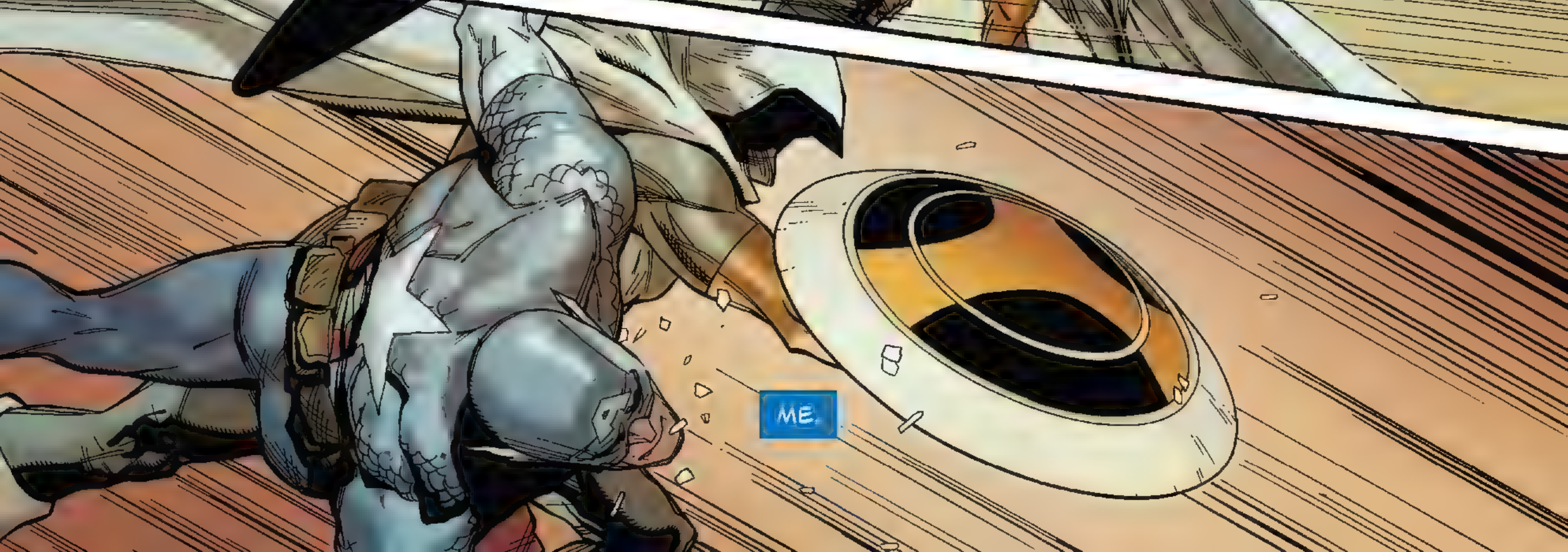
ALREADY I'VE SEEN
HIS TAKES ON MOON
KNIGHT DAREDEVIL
AND HAWKEYE.



NOW HE'S
SHOWING ME
SWORDSMAN.



IRON
FIST.



ME.



WHAT MAKES
TASKMASTER
DEADLY IS NOT
JUST THAT HE CAN
MIMIC A FIGHTING
STYLE.



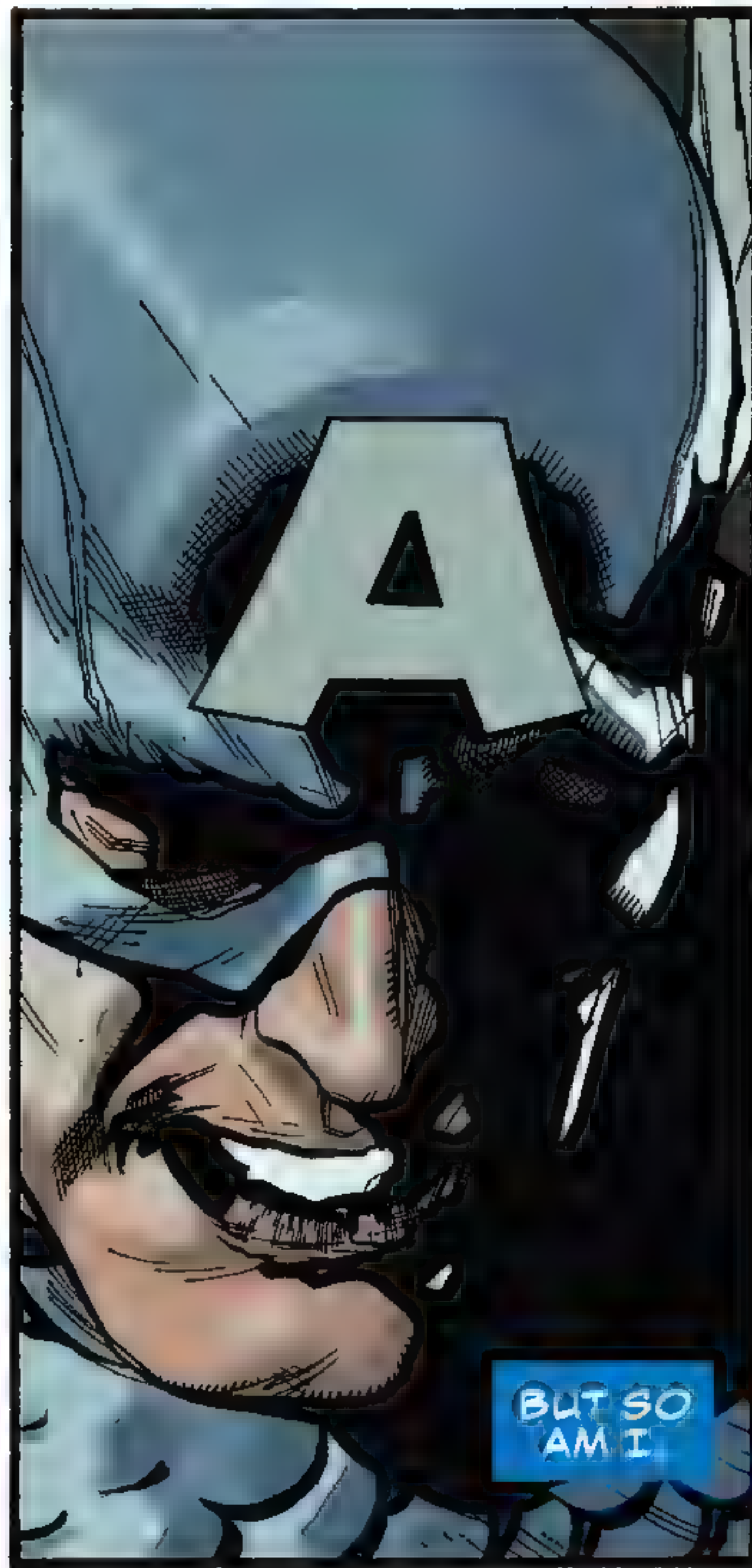
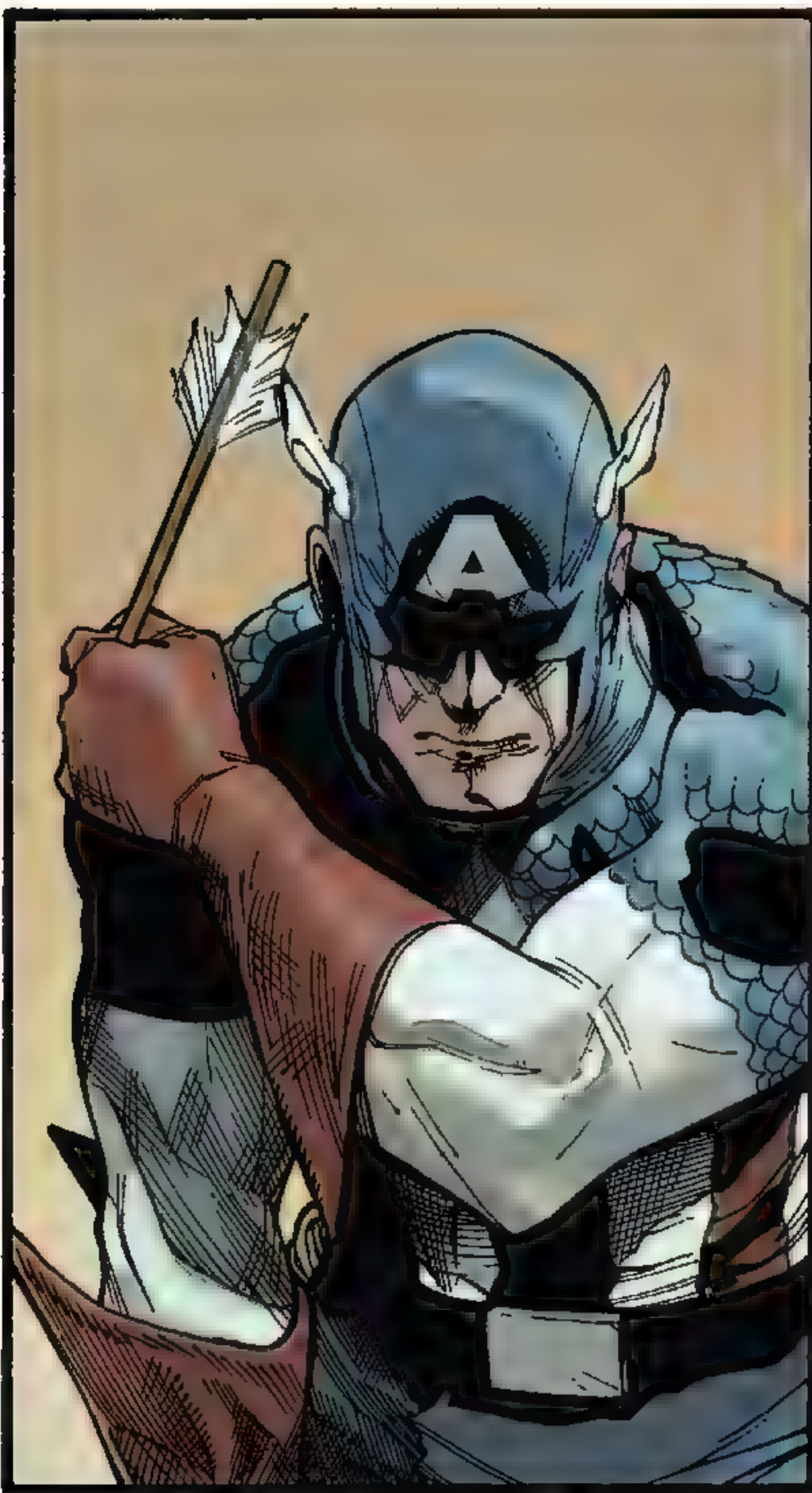
IT'S THAT HE
ANALYZES IT
IN SECONDS.



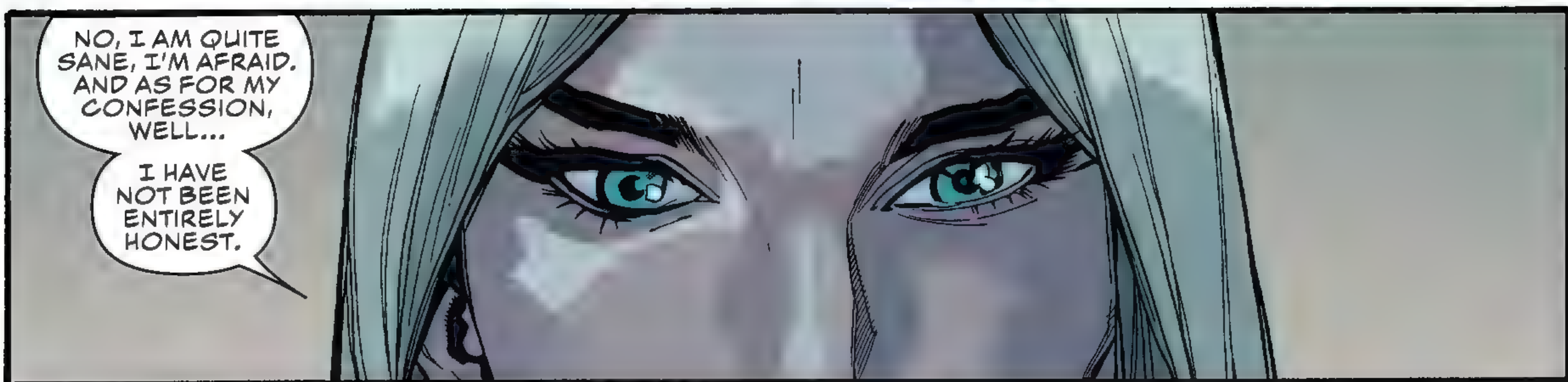
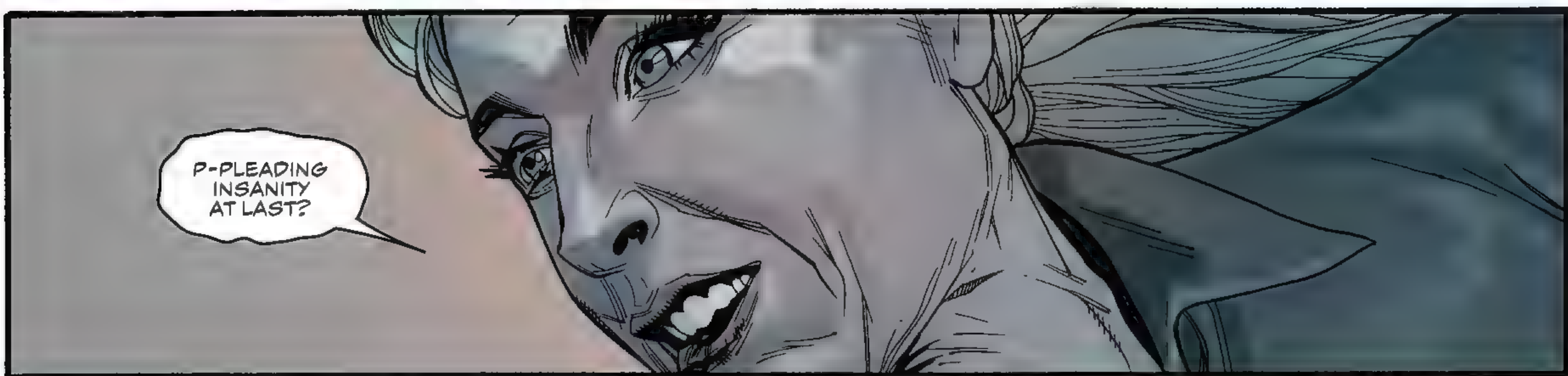
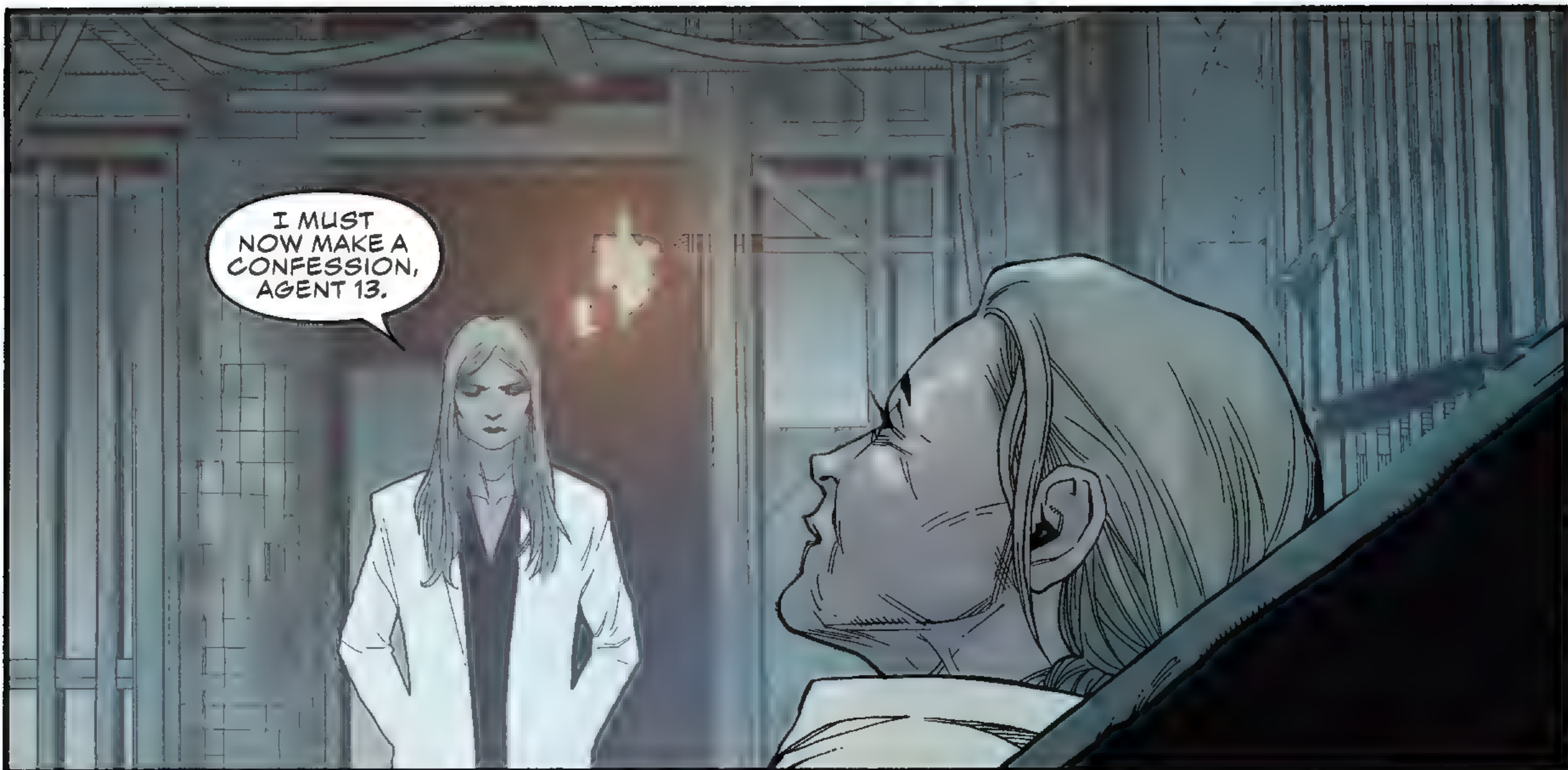
AND COUNTERS
JUST AS FAST.

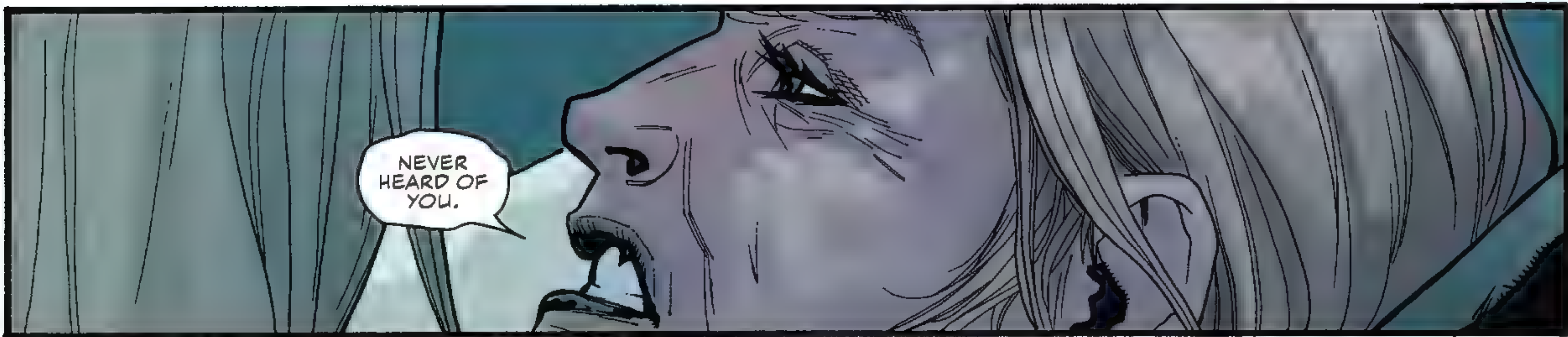
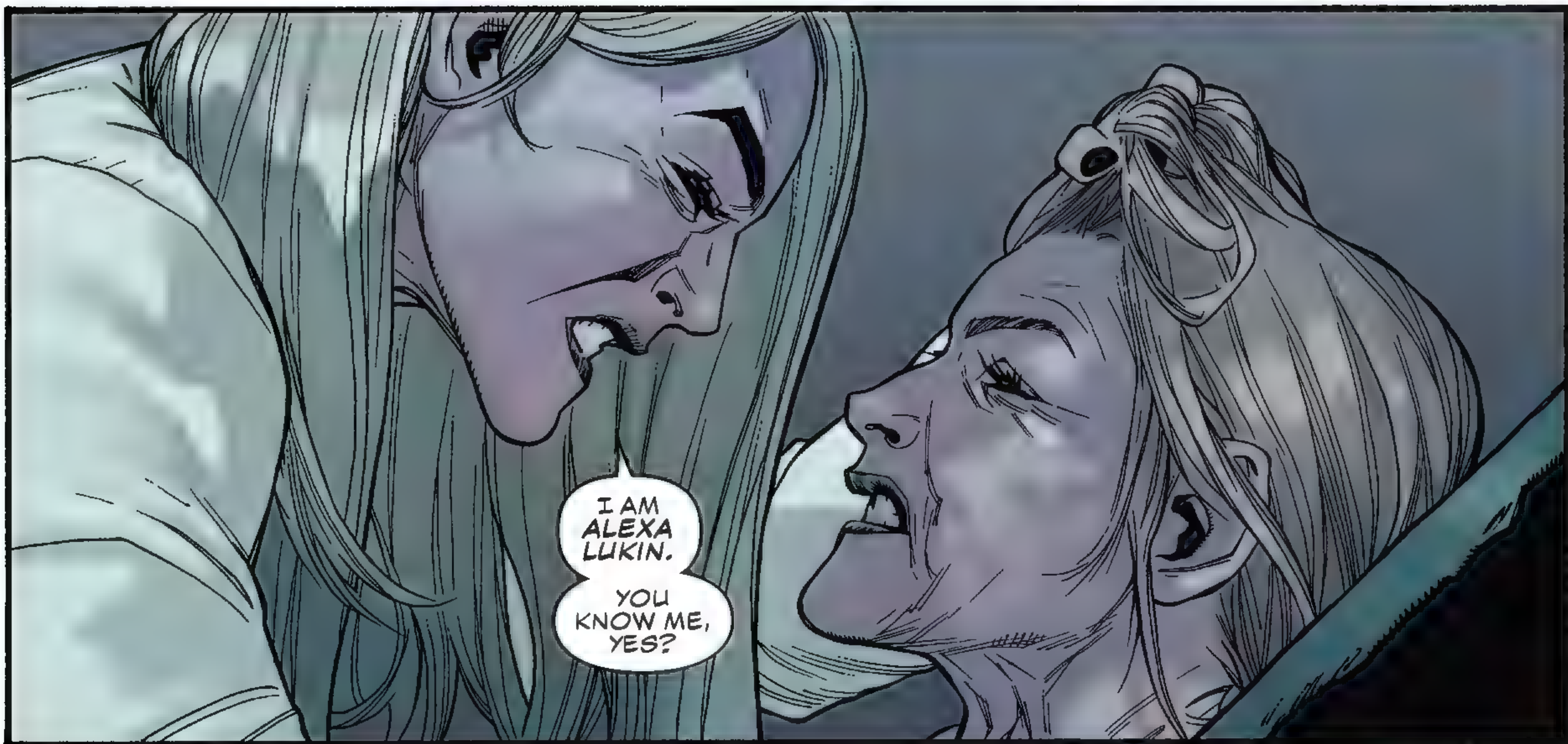
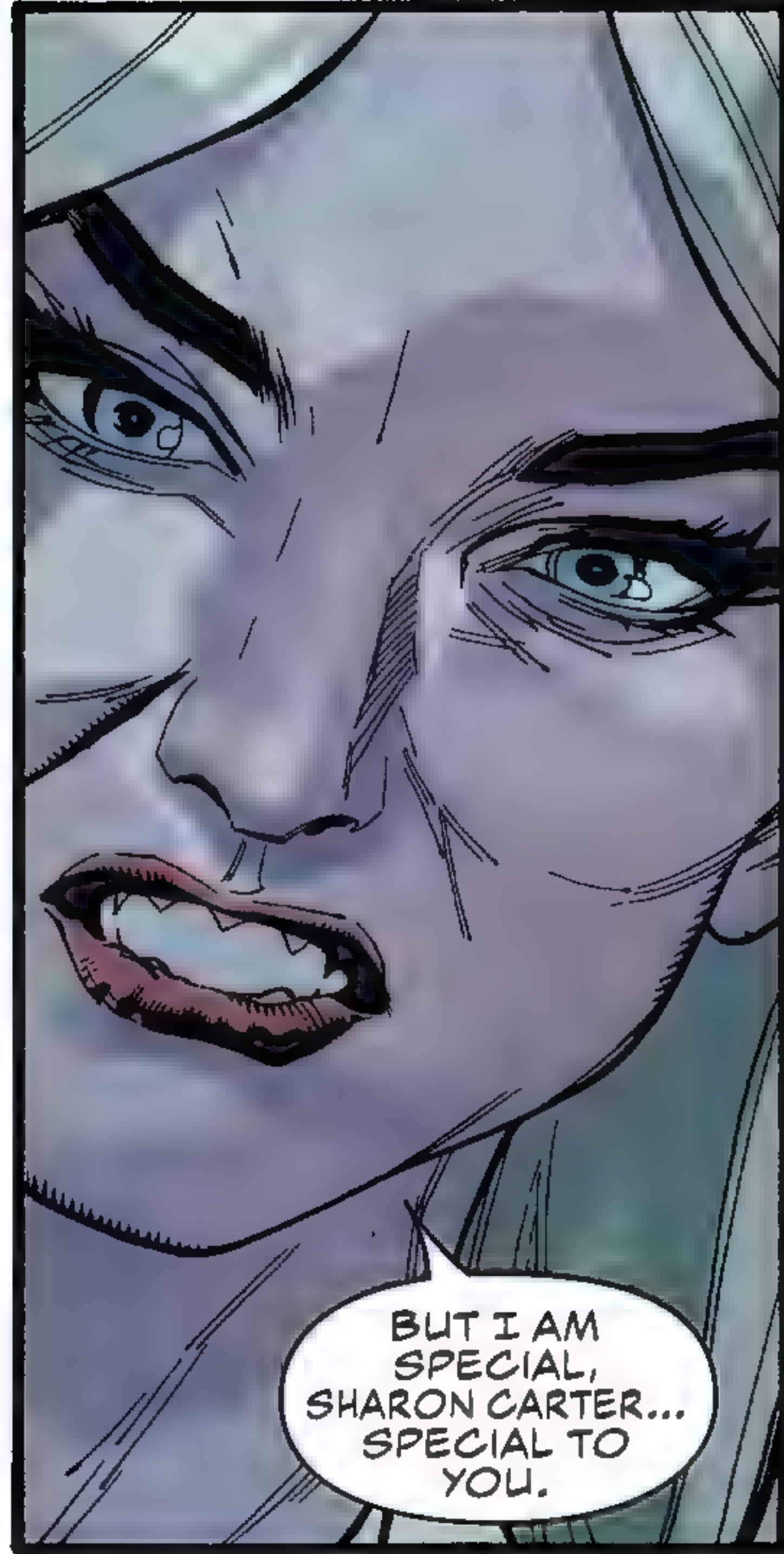
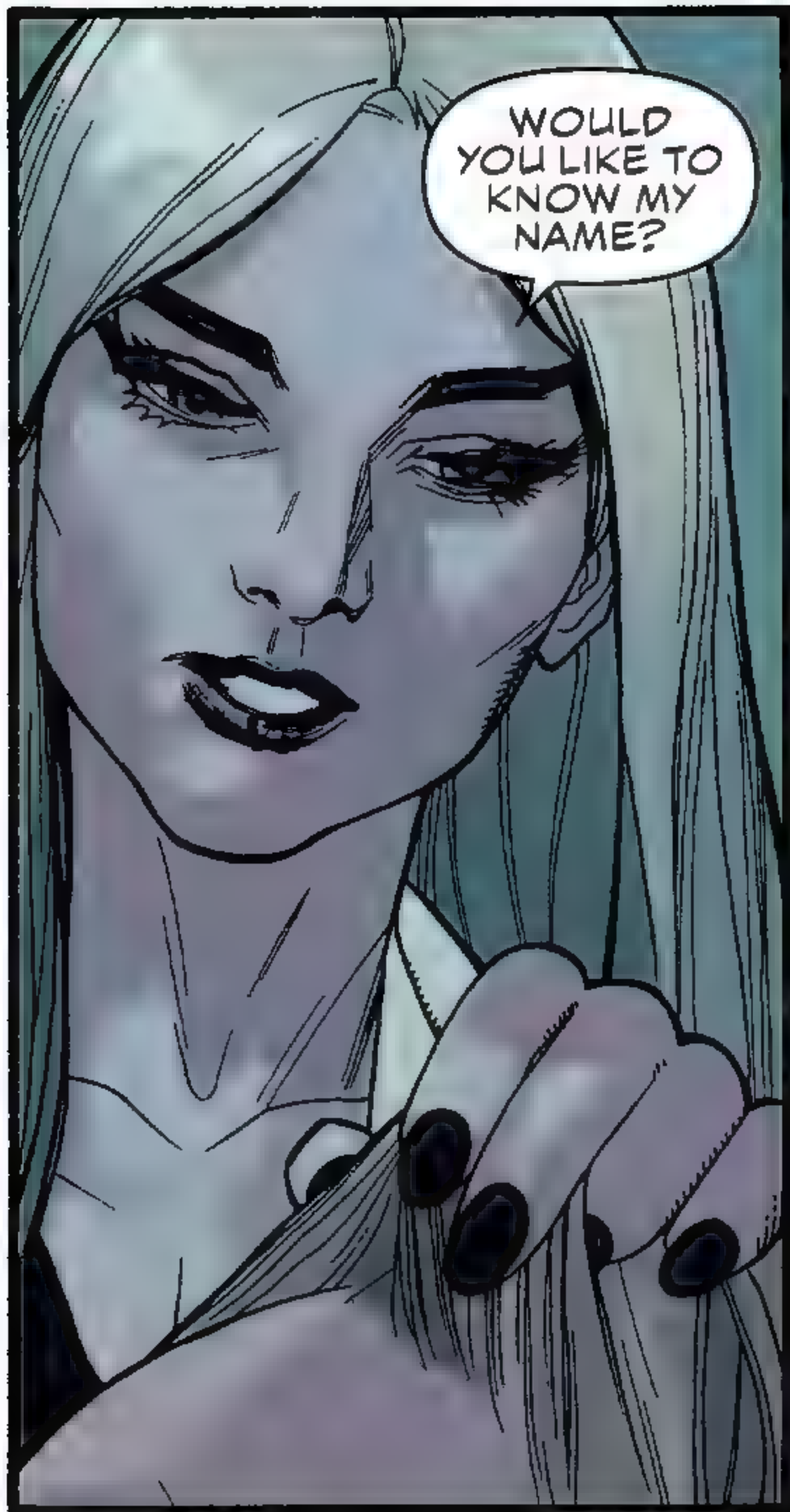


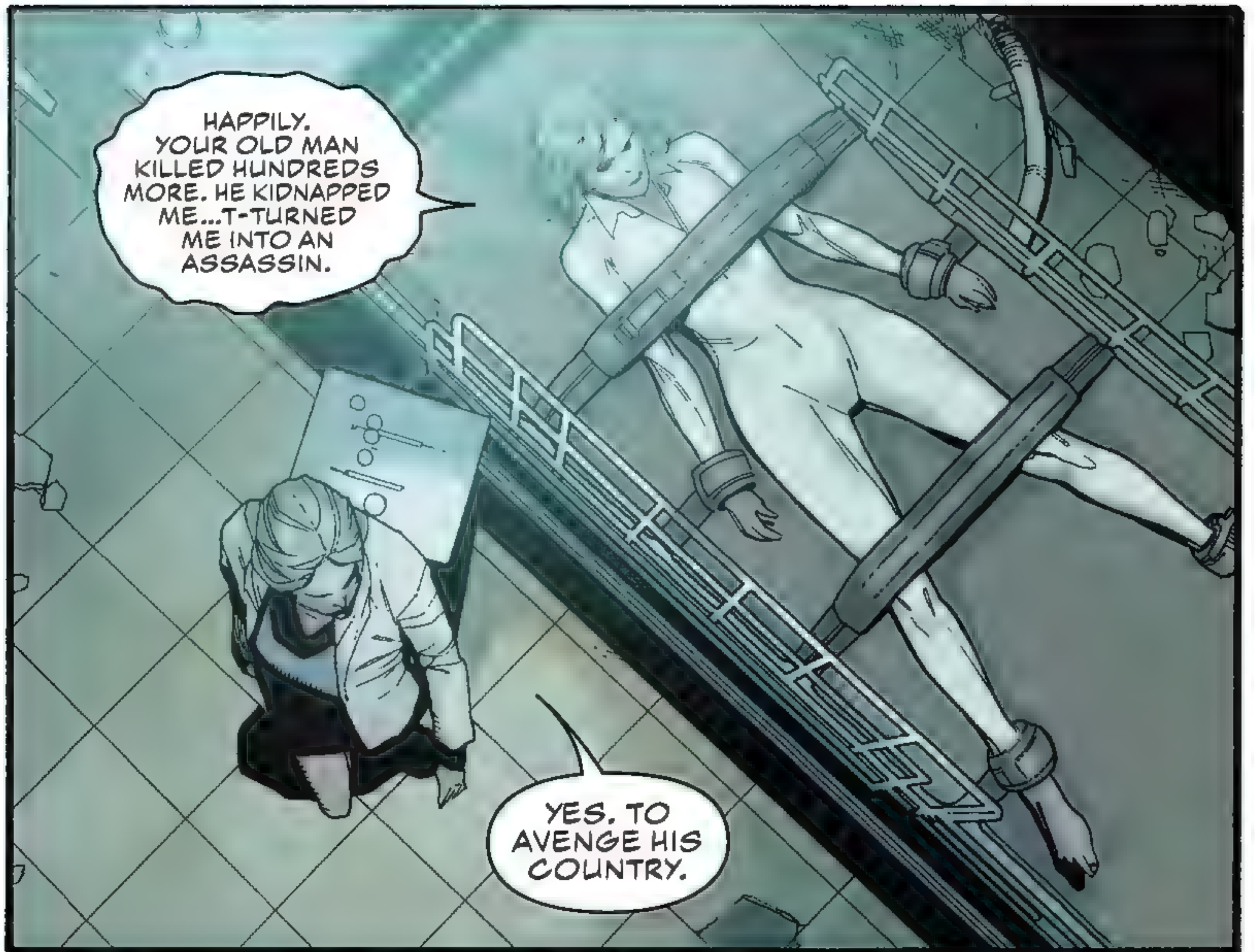
TASKMASTER IS
CONSIDERED ONE OF
THE MOST DANGEROUS
MEN ALIVE.

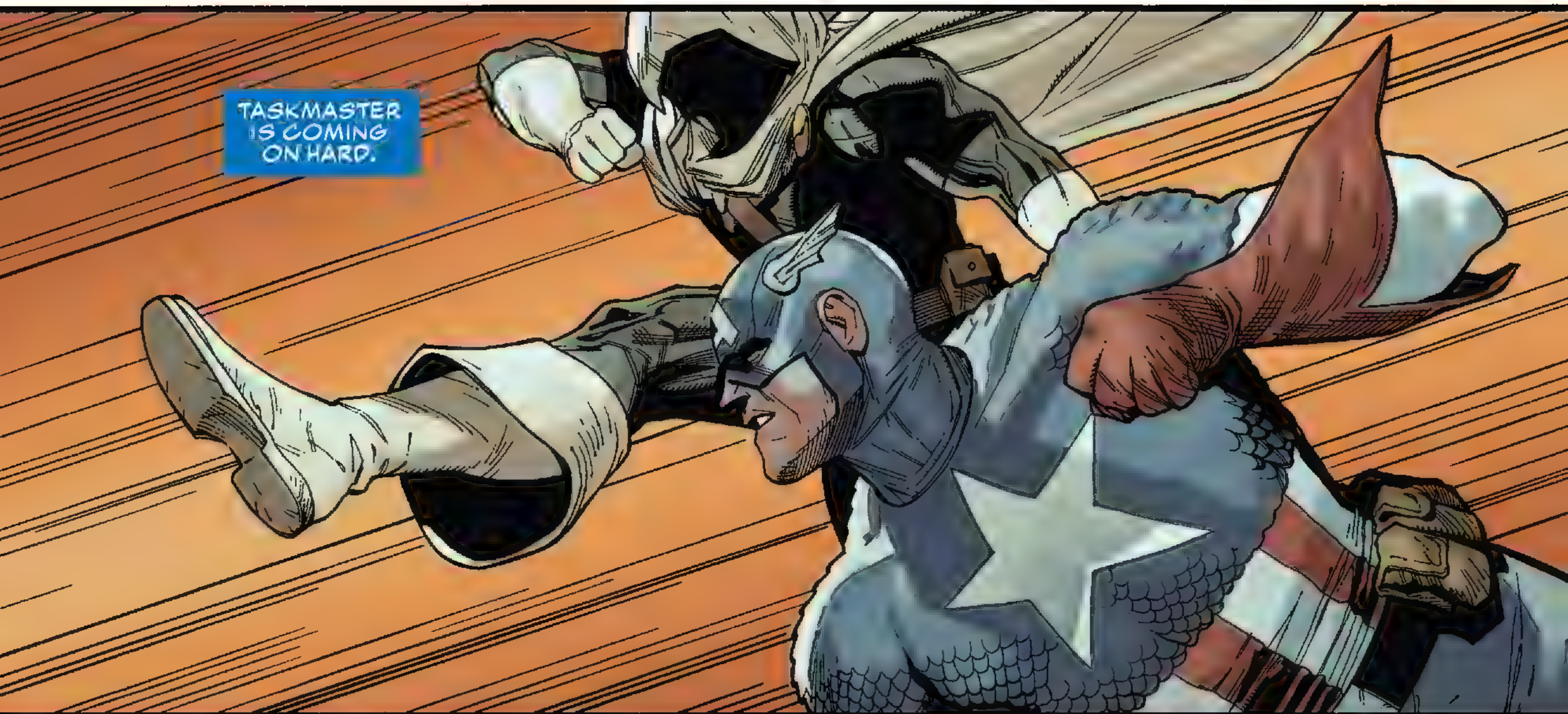


BUT SO
AM I.









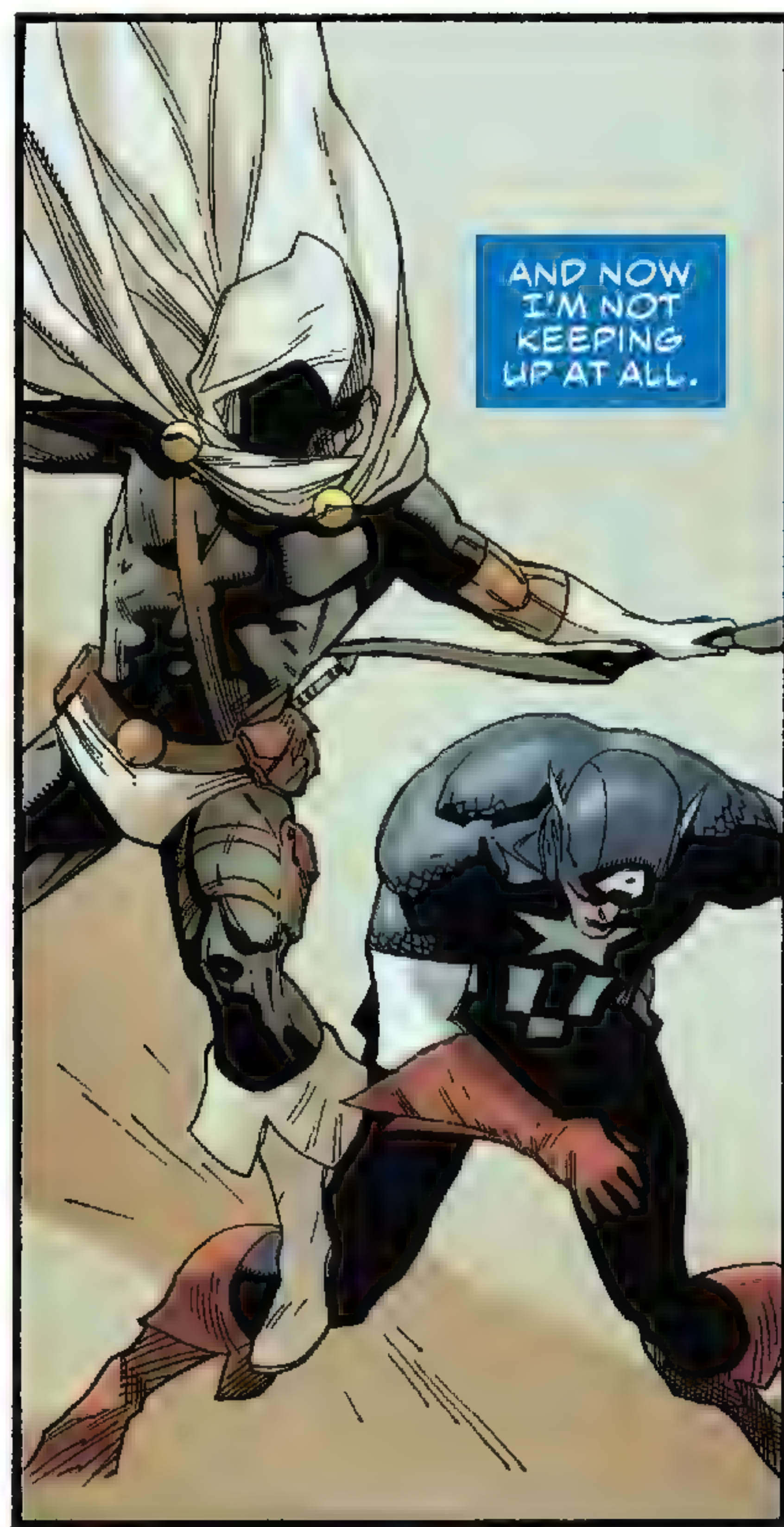
TASKMASTER
IS COMING
ON HARD.



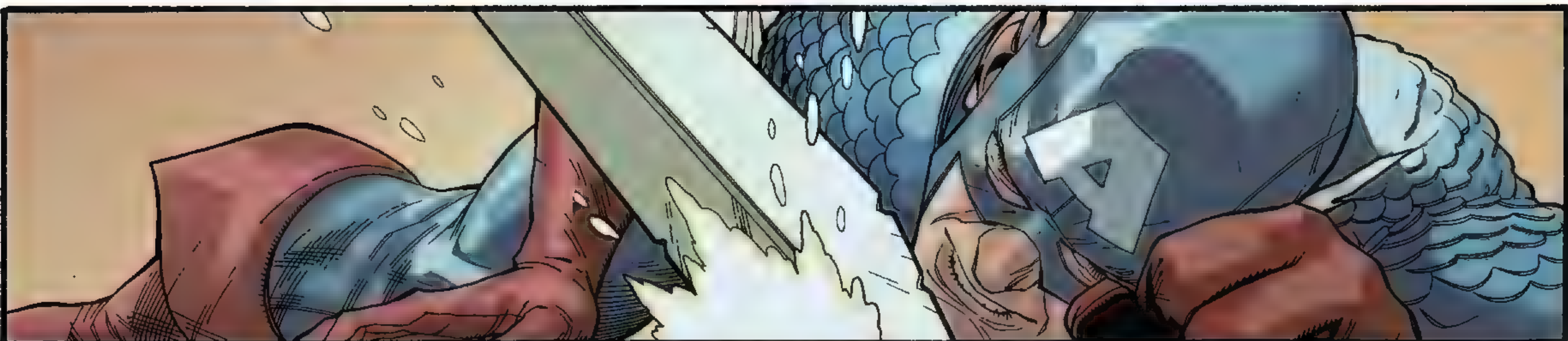
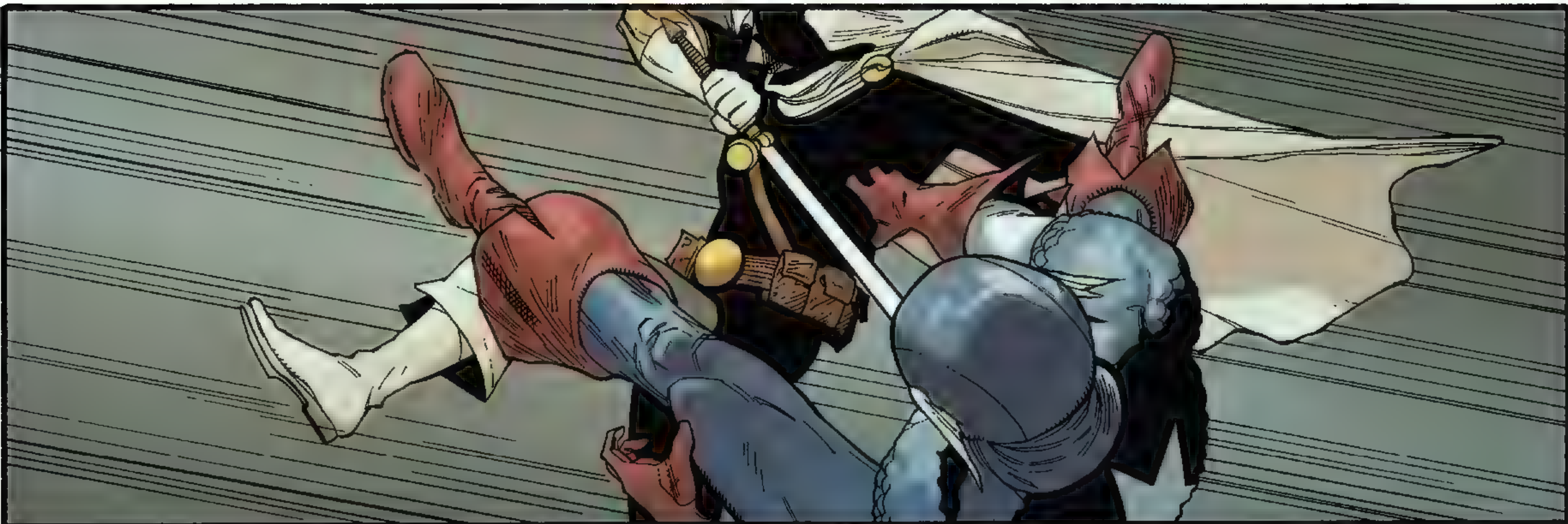
ARROW MUST
HAVE BEEN
COATED WITH
SOMETHING.



I'M BARELY
KEEPING UP.

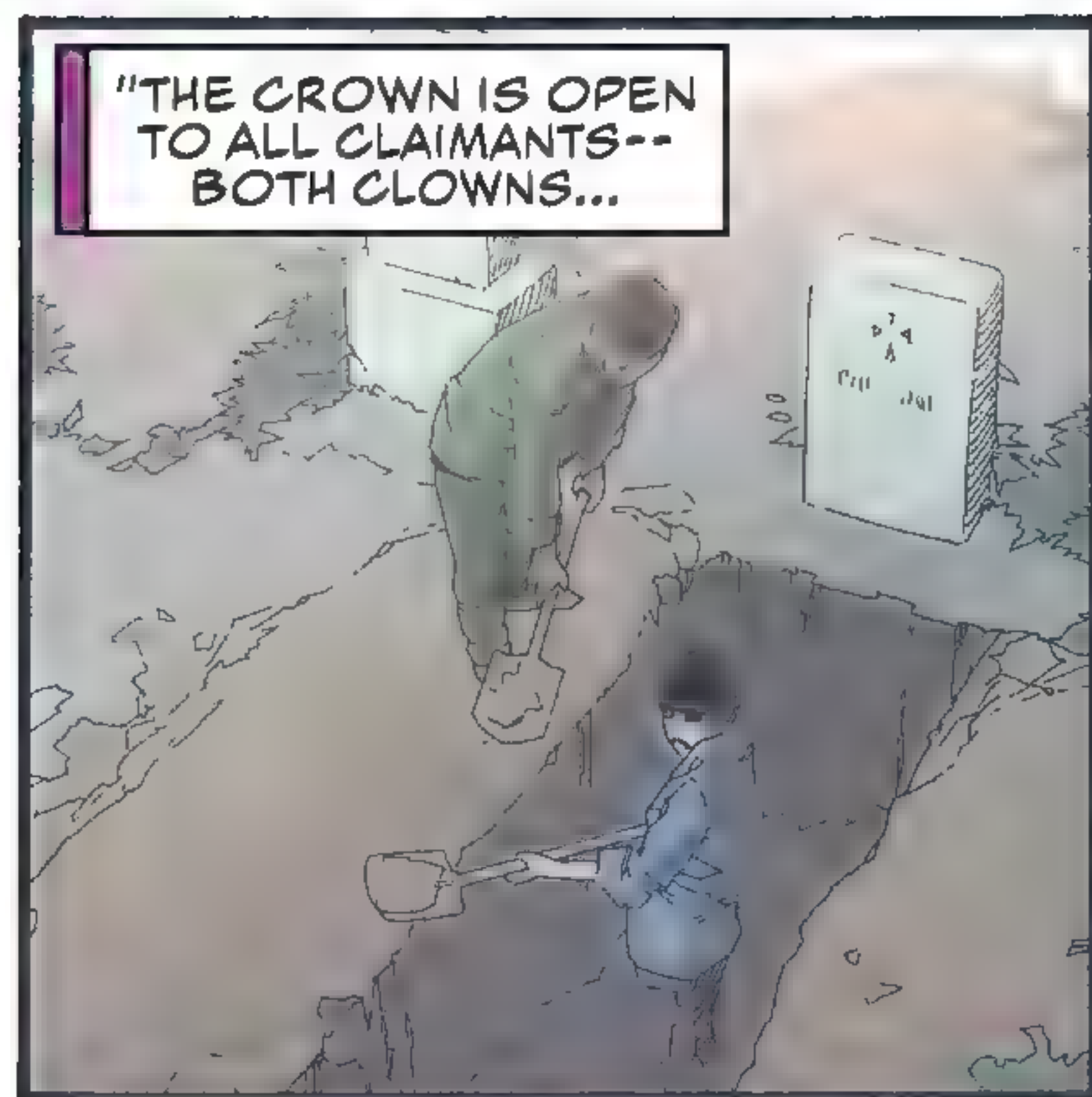


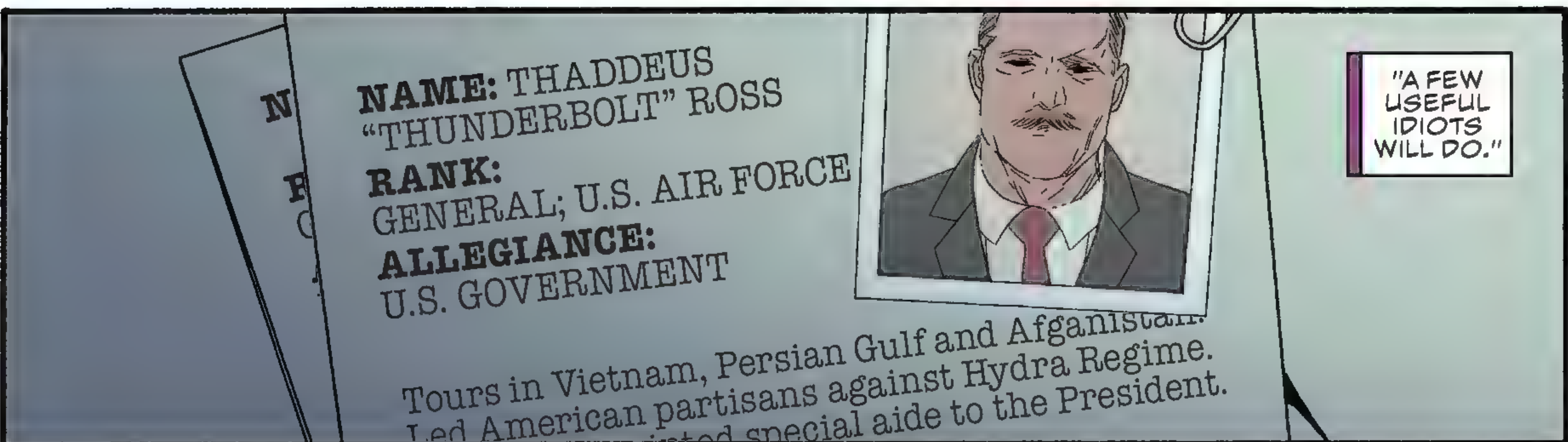
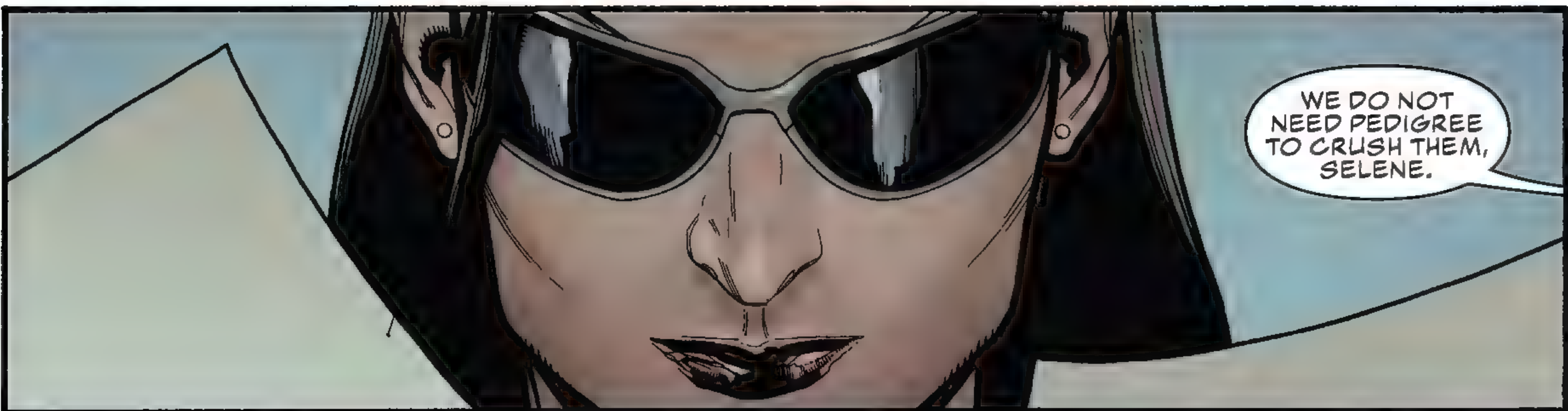
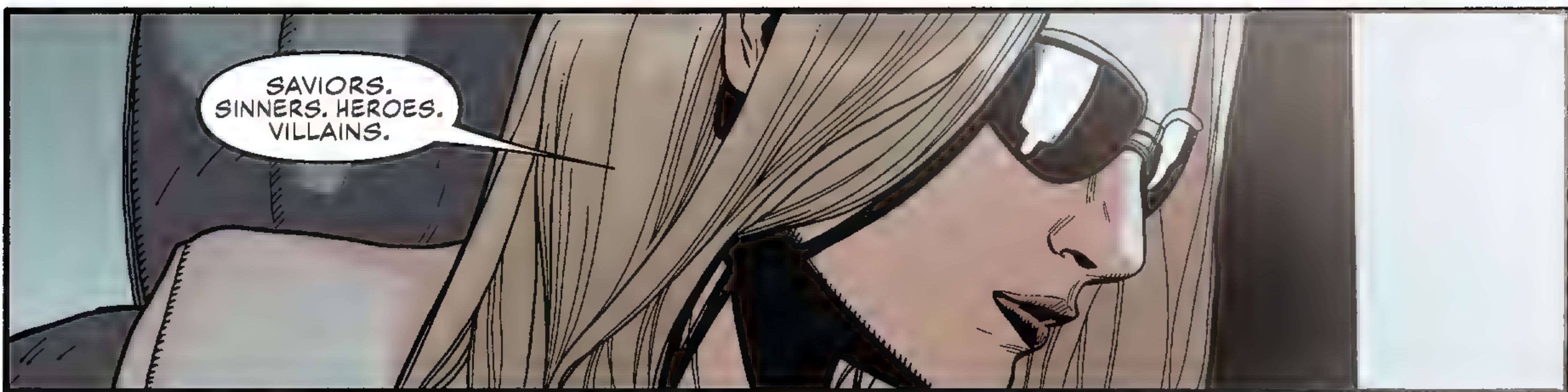
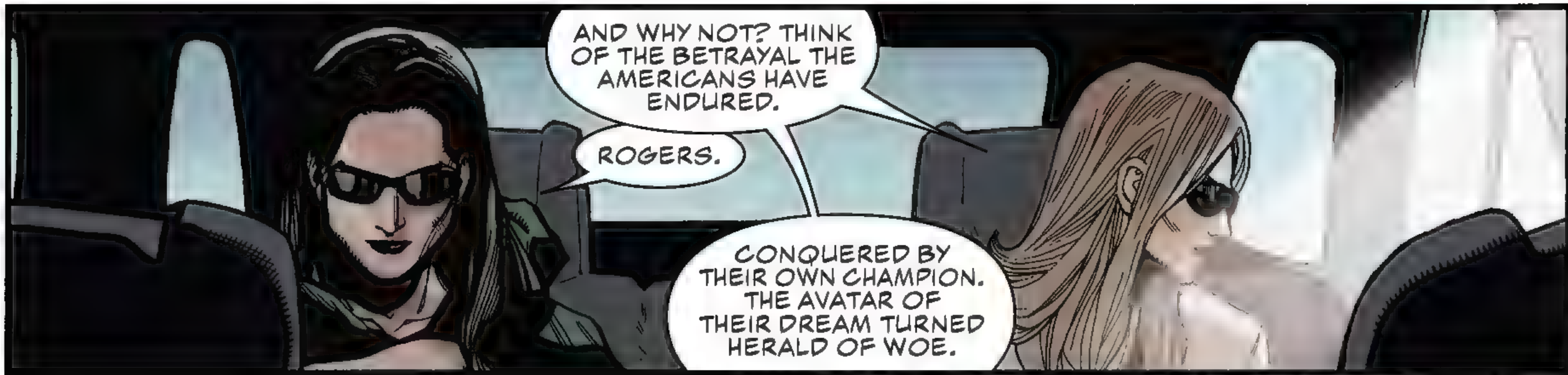
AND NOW
I'M NOT
KEEPING
UP AT ALL.





THEN.







DON'T LET
THE DUMB
MASK FOOL
YOU.



TONY MASTERS
BRINGS
THE WHOLE
ARSENAL

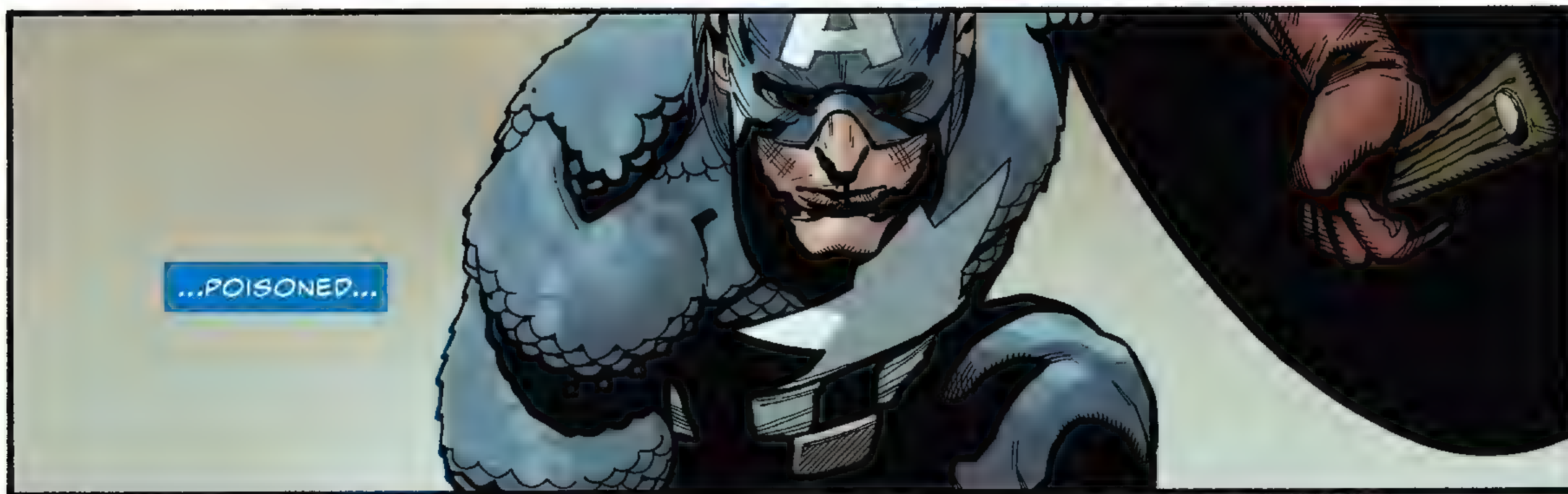
I THINK
I'VE SEEN
ENOUGH TO
KNOW.



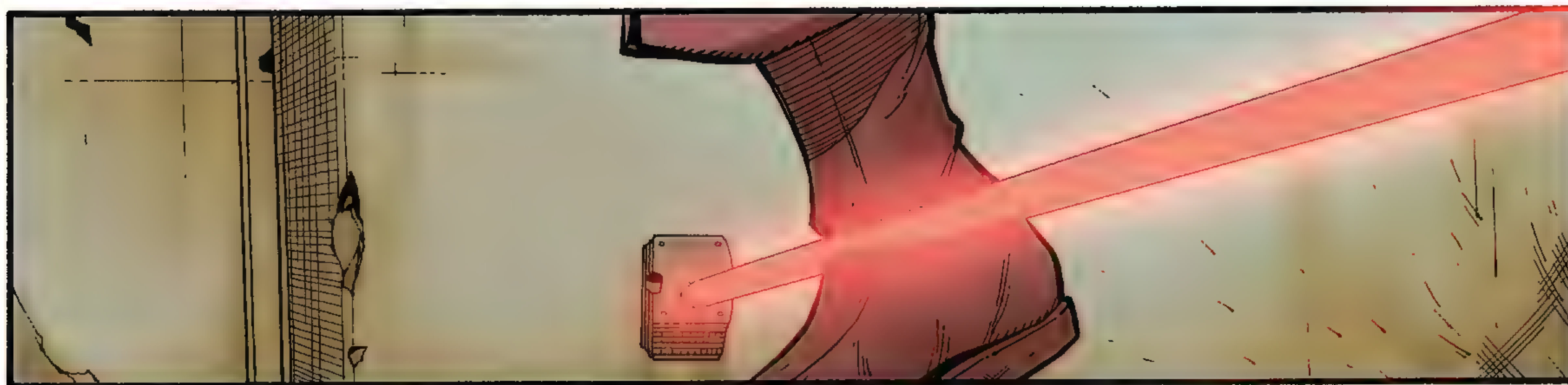
SO FAR
TODAY I'VE
BEEN
BEATEN



...SHOT WITH
AN ARROW...

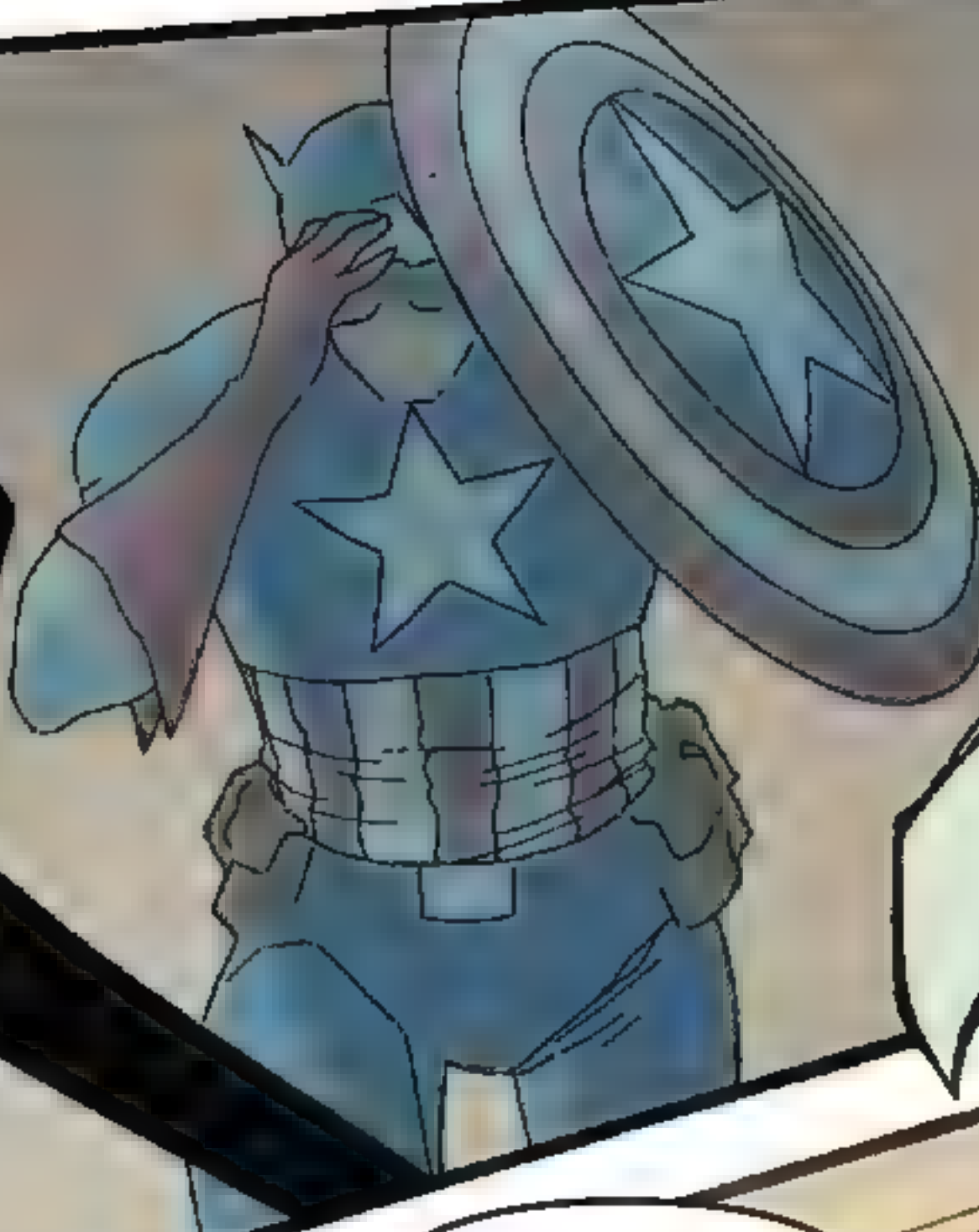


...POISONED...



...AND NOW
BLINDED.




A small panel in the top left corner shows Captain America in his iconic blue suit with a white star on the chest and a shield on his back. He is looking towards the right.

YOU KNOW,
THEY SAY
YOU REALLY ARE
THAT GUY--THE
HYDRA SUPREME
COMMANDER.

A character with a white hooded cloak and a black mask with a single eye. He is holding a sword and looking towards the left.

I DON'T
BELIEVE 'EM,
THOUGH.

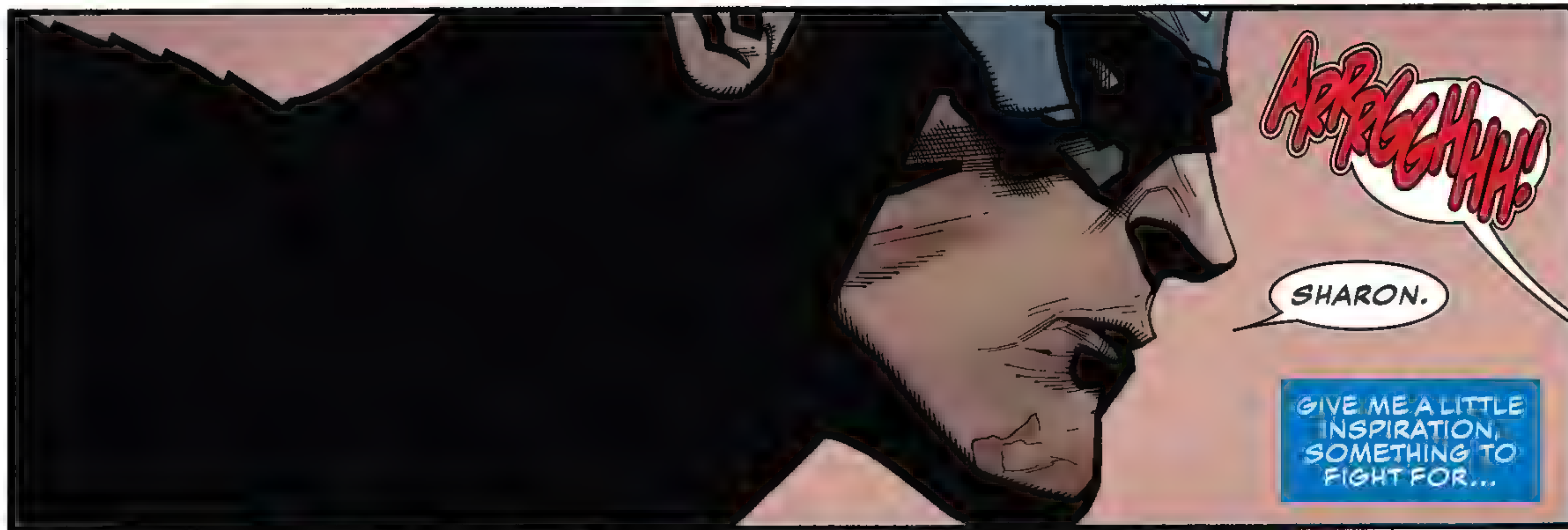
A panel showing the Hydra Supreme Commander in his white hooded cloak and black mask, holding a sword and looking towards the right.

GUY WHO
CONQUERS THE
WORLD WOULD
NEVER GO DOWN
THIS EASY.



"EASY." THESE
JOKERS NEVER
CHANGE.

THEY
NEVER
GET IT.



ARRRGHHH!!

SHARON.

GIVE ME A LITTLE
INSPIRATION,
SOMETHING TO
FIGHT FOR...

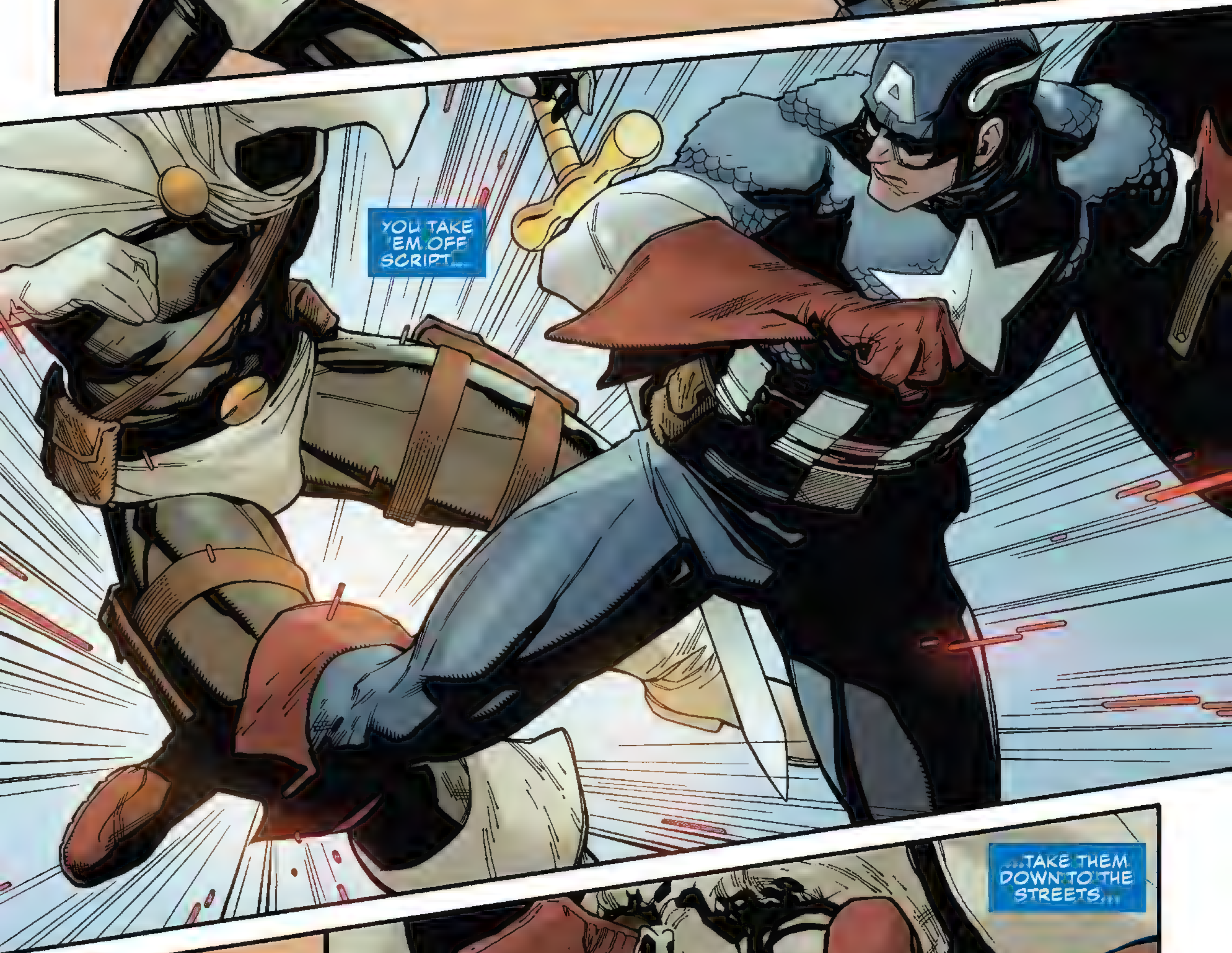


...AND I'LL GIVE
YOU A WORLD
OF PROBLEMS.

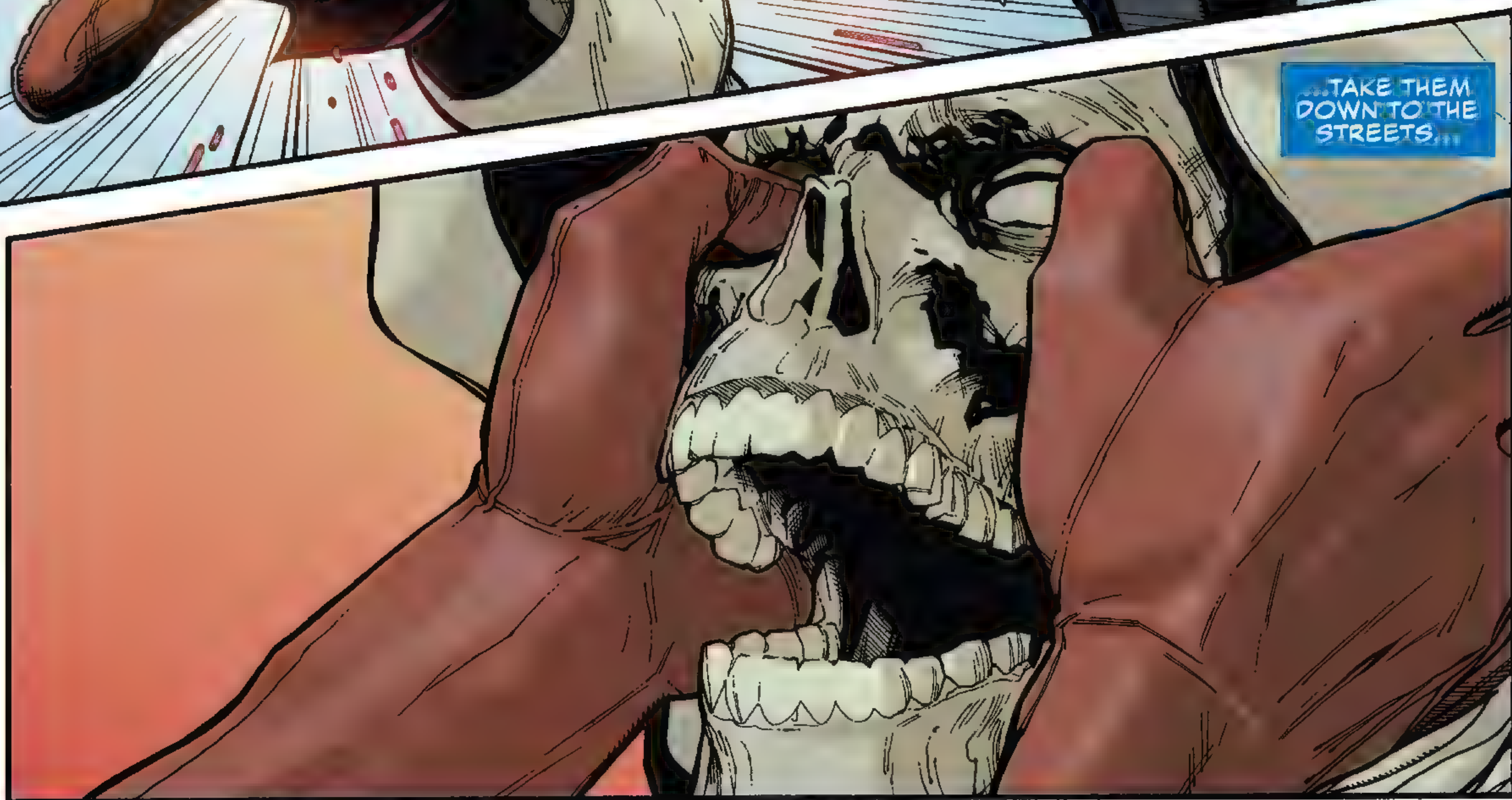


I'VE SEEN GUYS
LIKE TASKMASTER
ALL MY LIFE.

SMART DUMB-
ASSES--TOO
BRILLIANT TO
KNOW WHAT THEY
DON'T KNOW.



YOU TAKE
'EM OFF
SCRIPT.



...TAKE THEM
DOWN TO THE
STREETS...



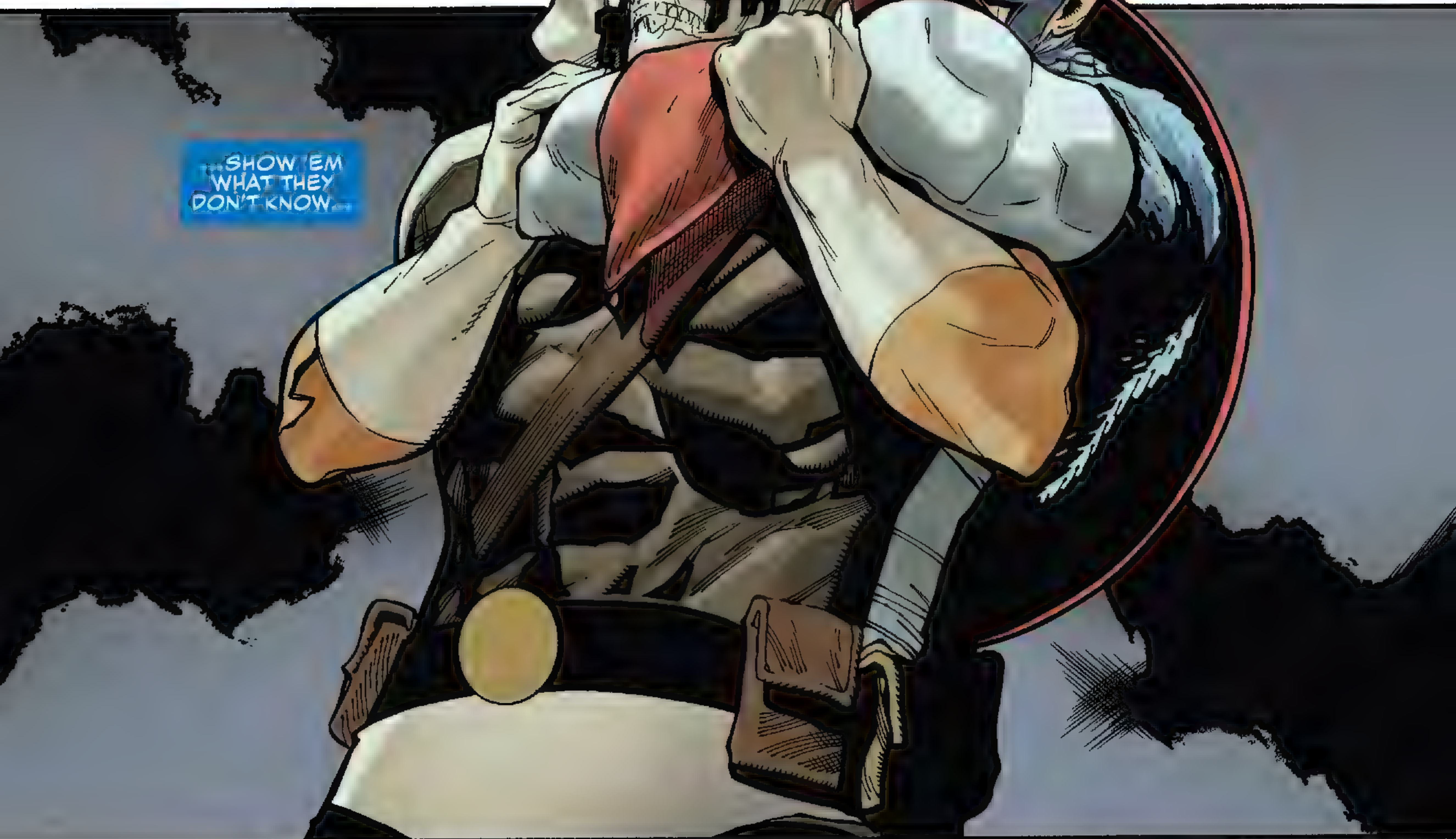
...OVER TO
THE DOJO...



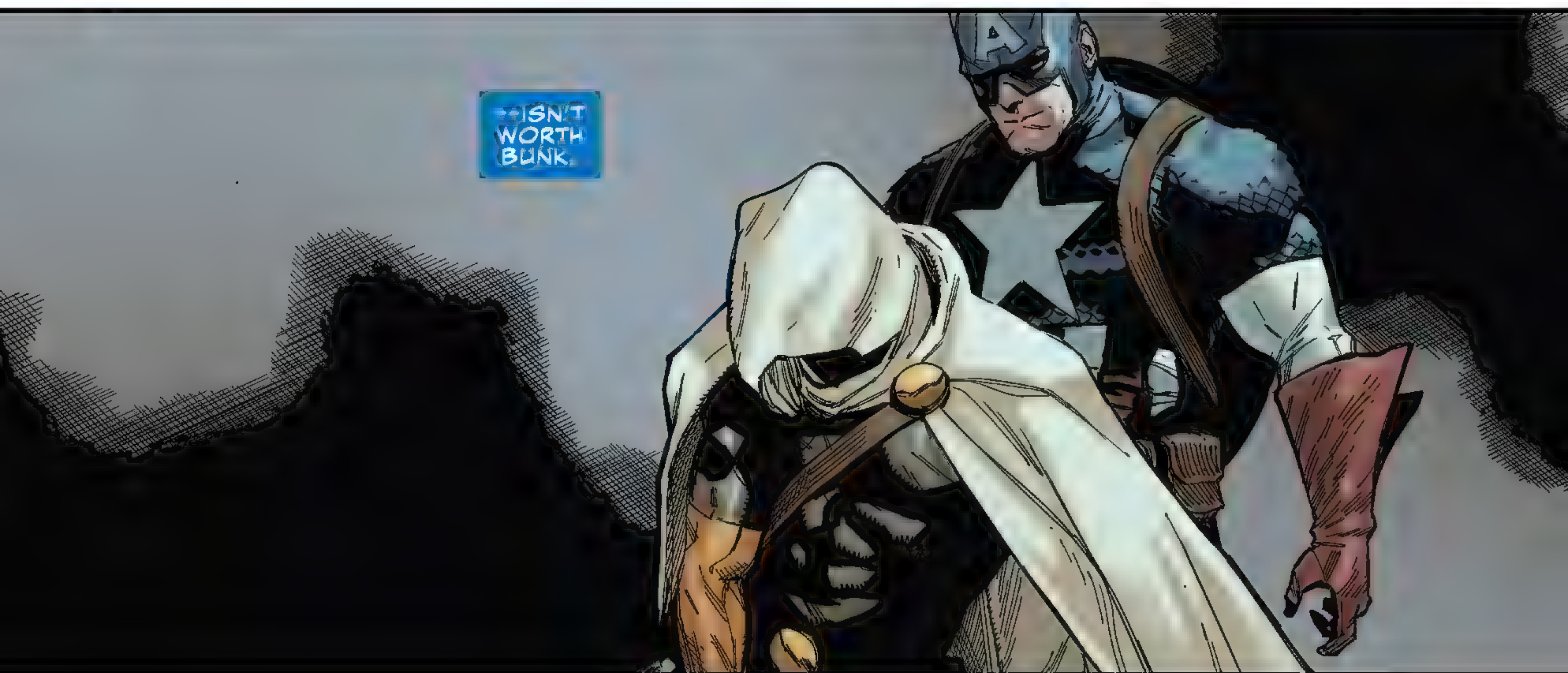
...INTO
THE
GYM...

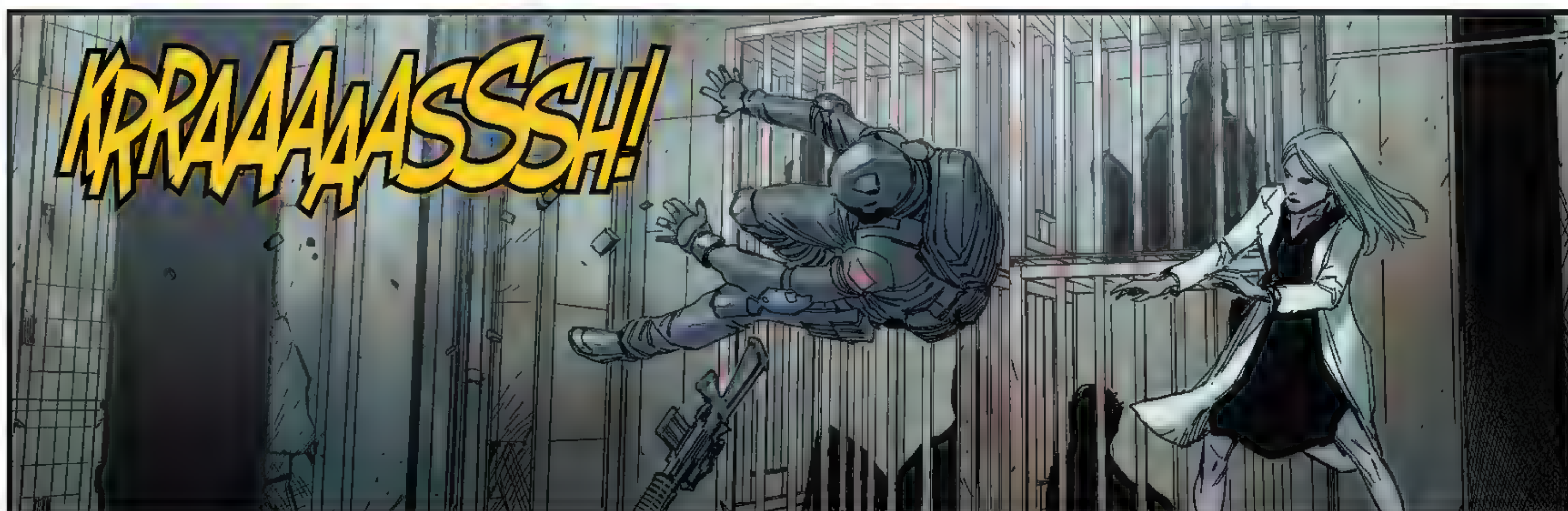
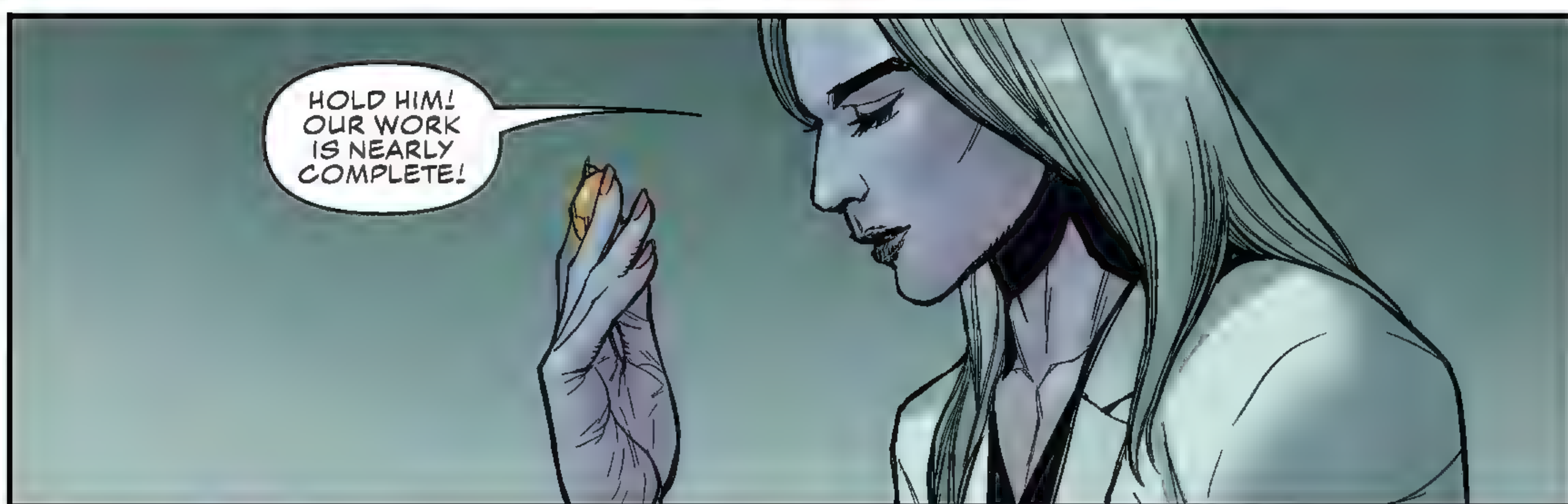


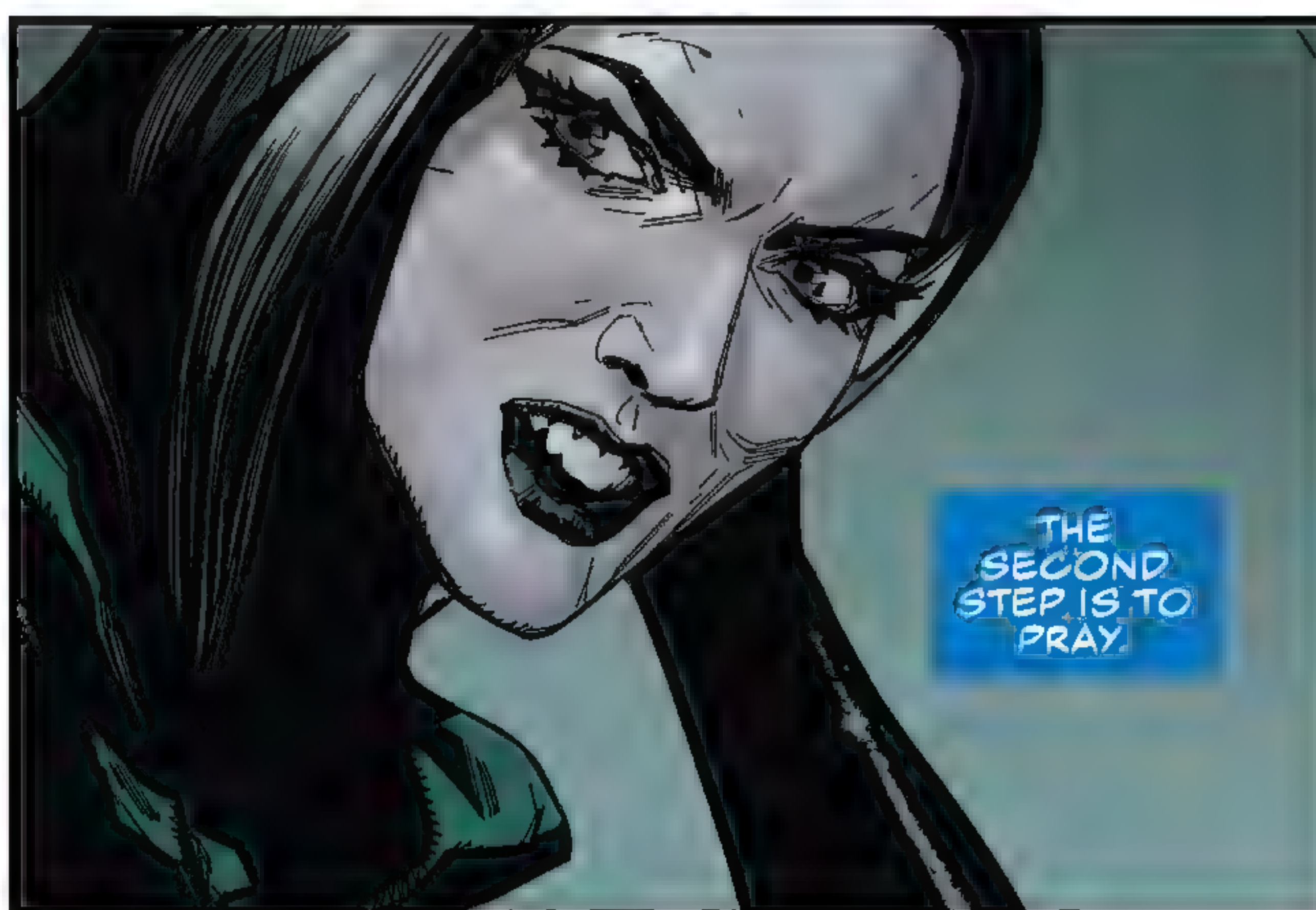
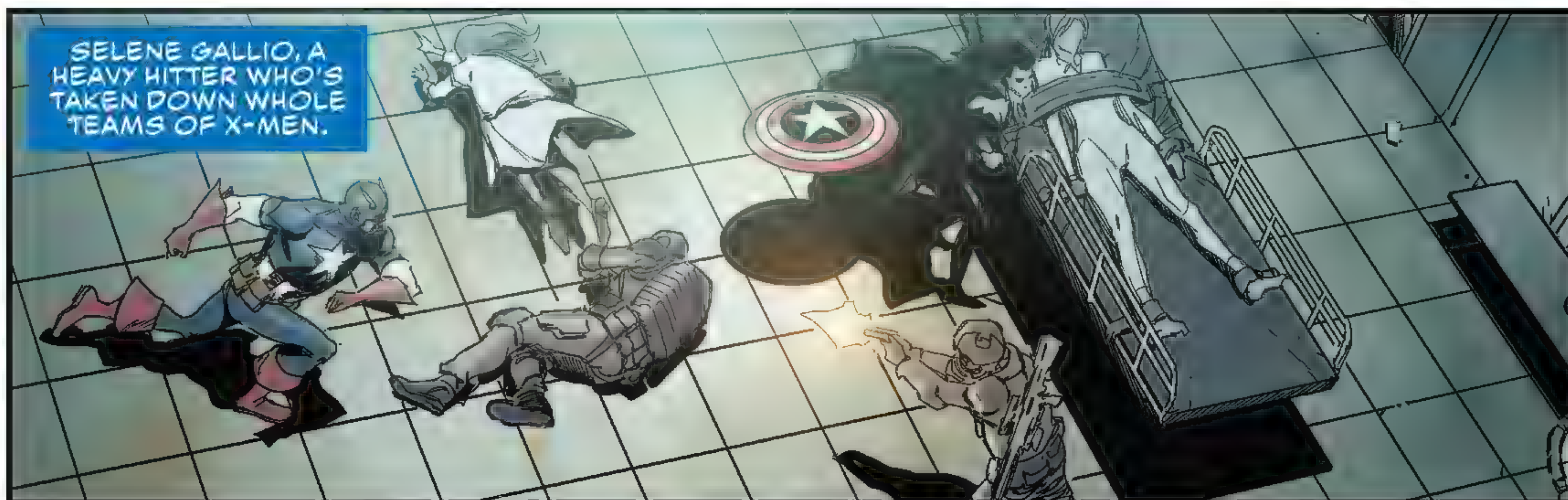
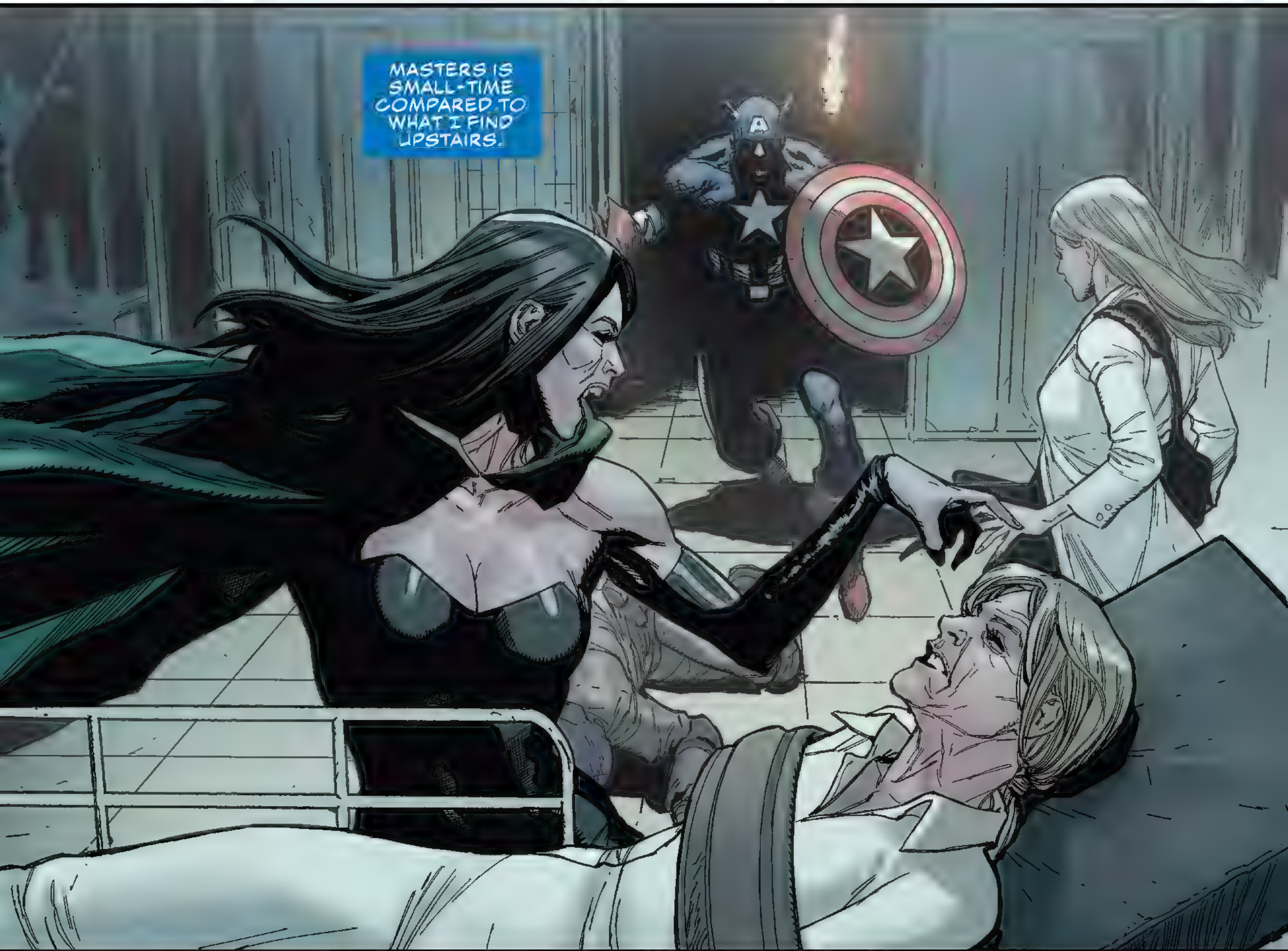
...THEN
BACK TO THE
STREETS
AGAIN...



...SHOW 'EM
WHAT THEY
DON'T KNOW...









OH YEAH,
THIS IS
GOING JUST
GREAT.



UNGH!

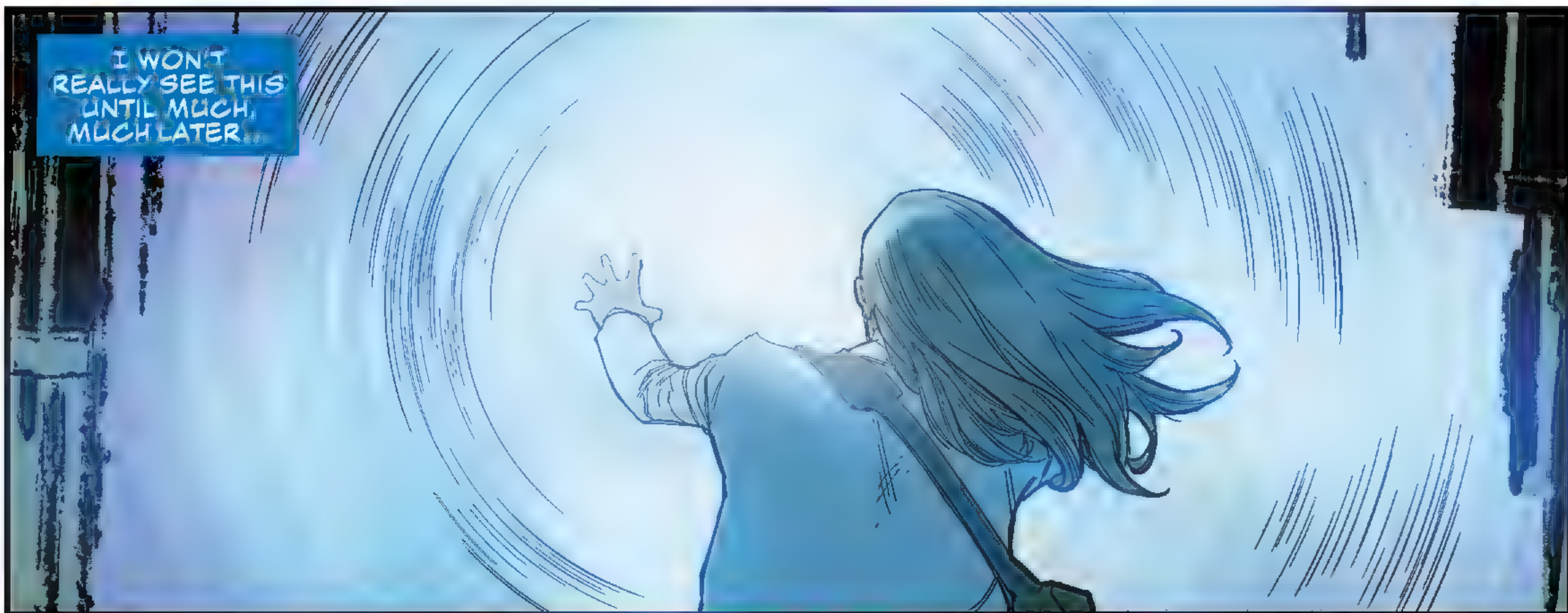


BUT AS
DEADLY
AS SELENE
IS

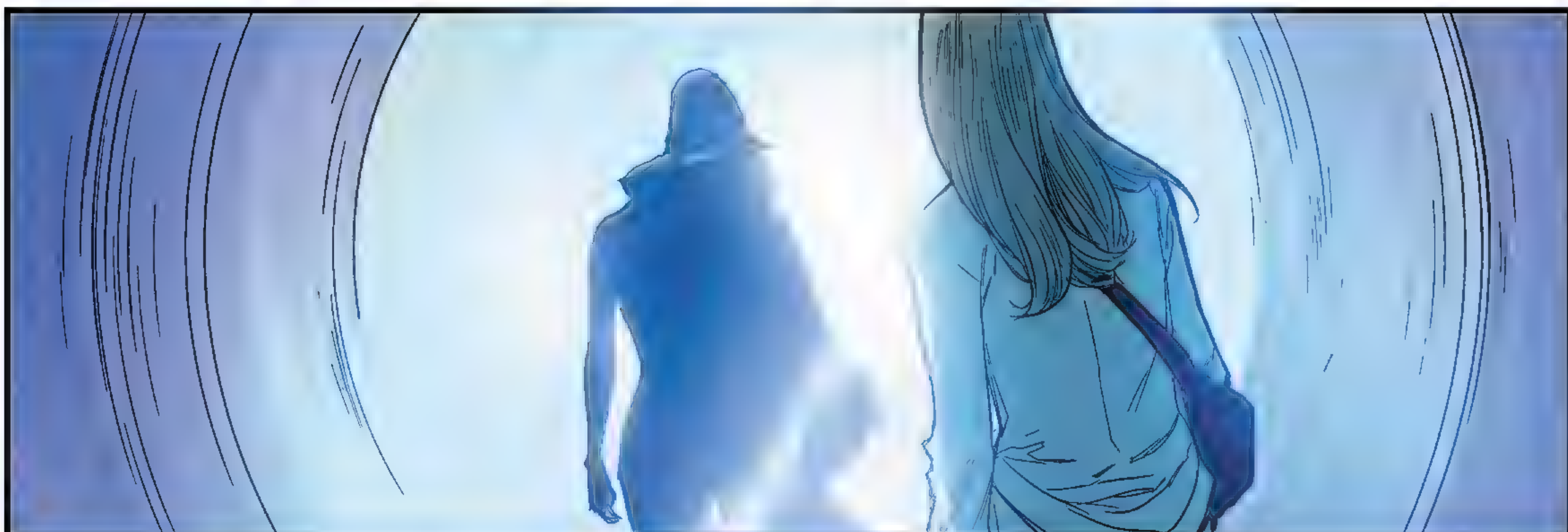
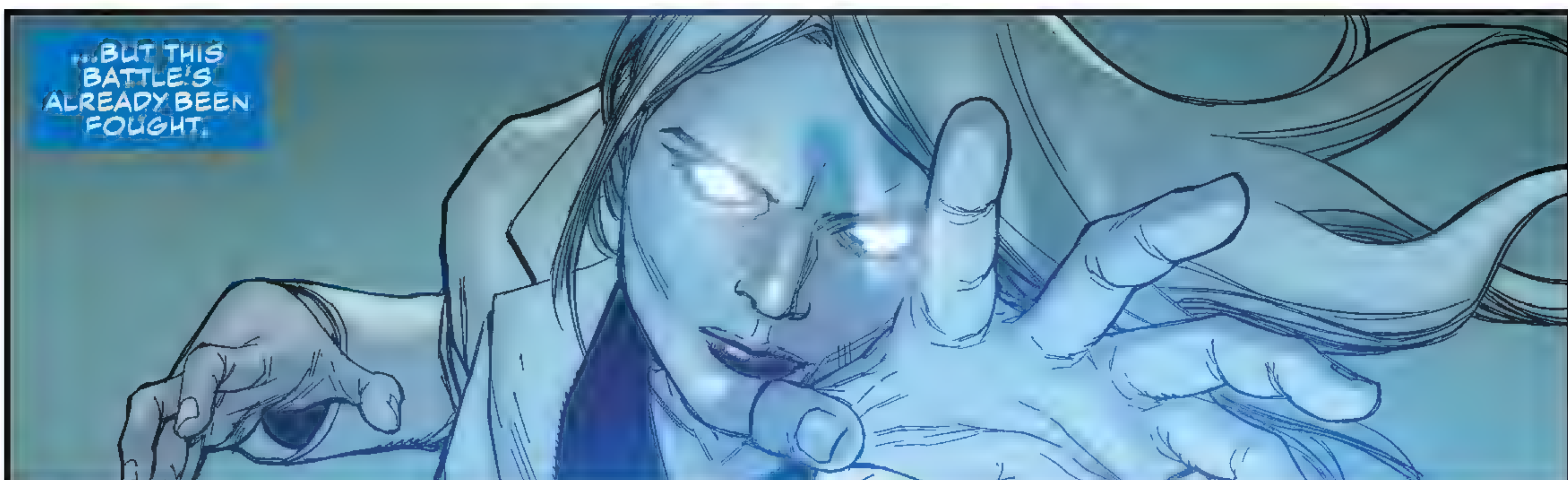


SHE'S
REALLY JUST A
DISTRACTION
FOR SOMETHING
DEADLIER.

I WON'T
REALLY SEE THIS
UNTIL MUCH,
MUCH LATER.

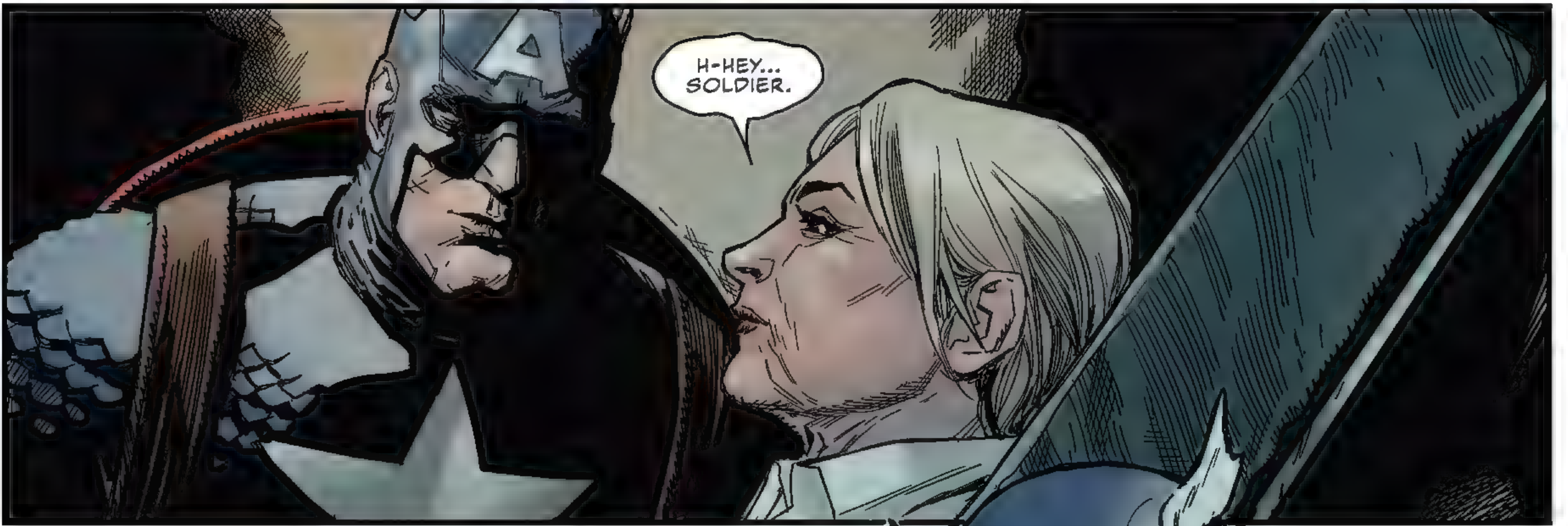
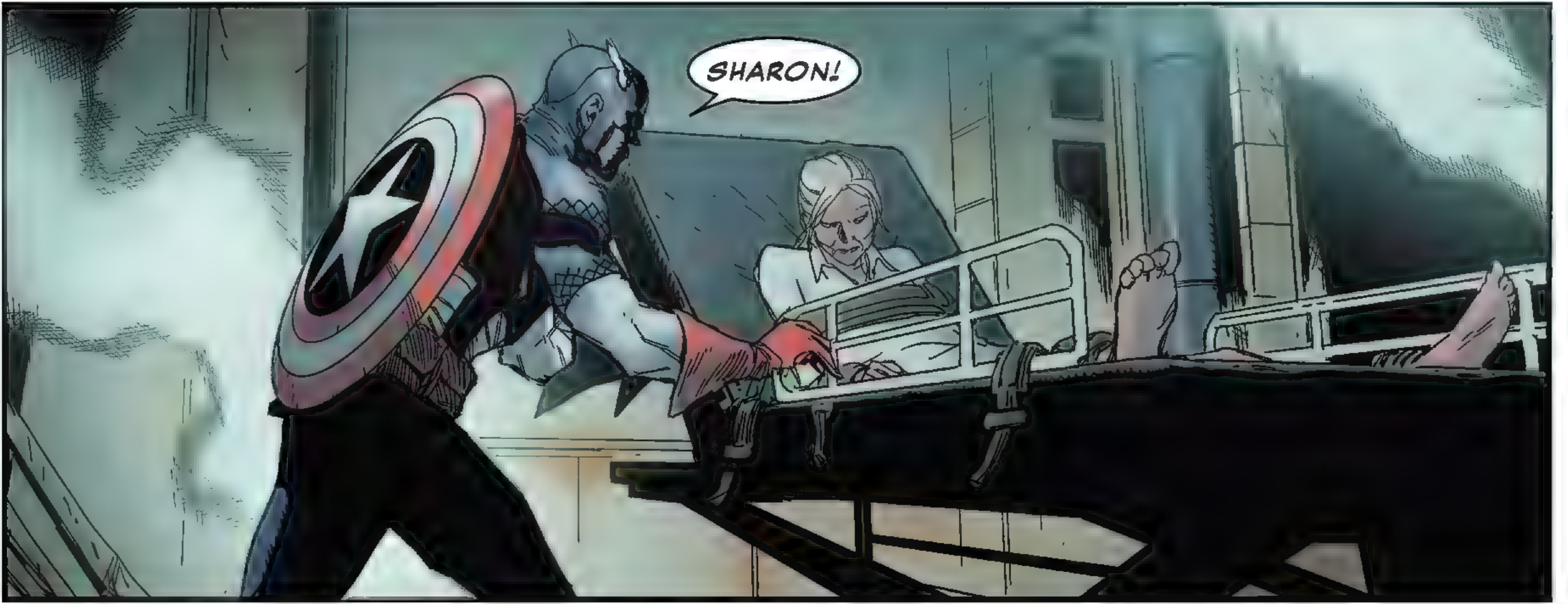


...BUT THIS
BATTLE'S
ALREADY BEEN
FOUGHT.



AND SELENE
ISN'T EVEN THE
REAL FOE.

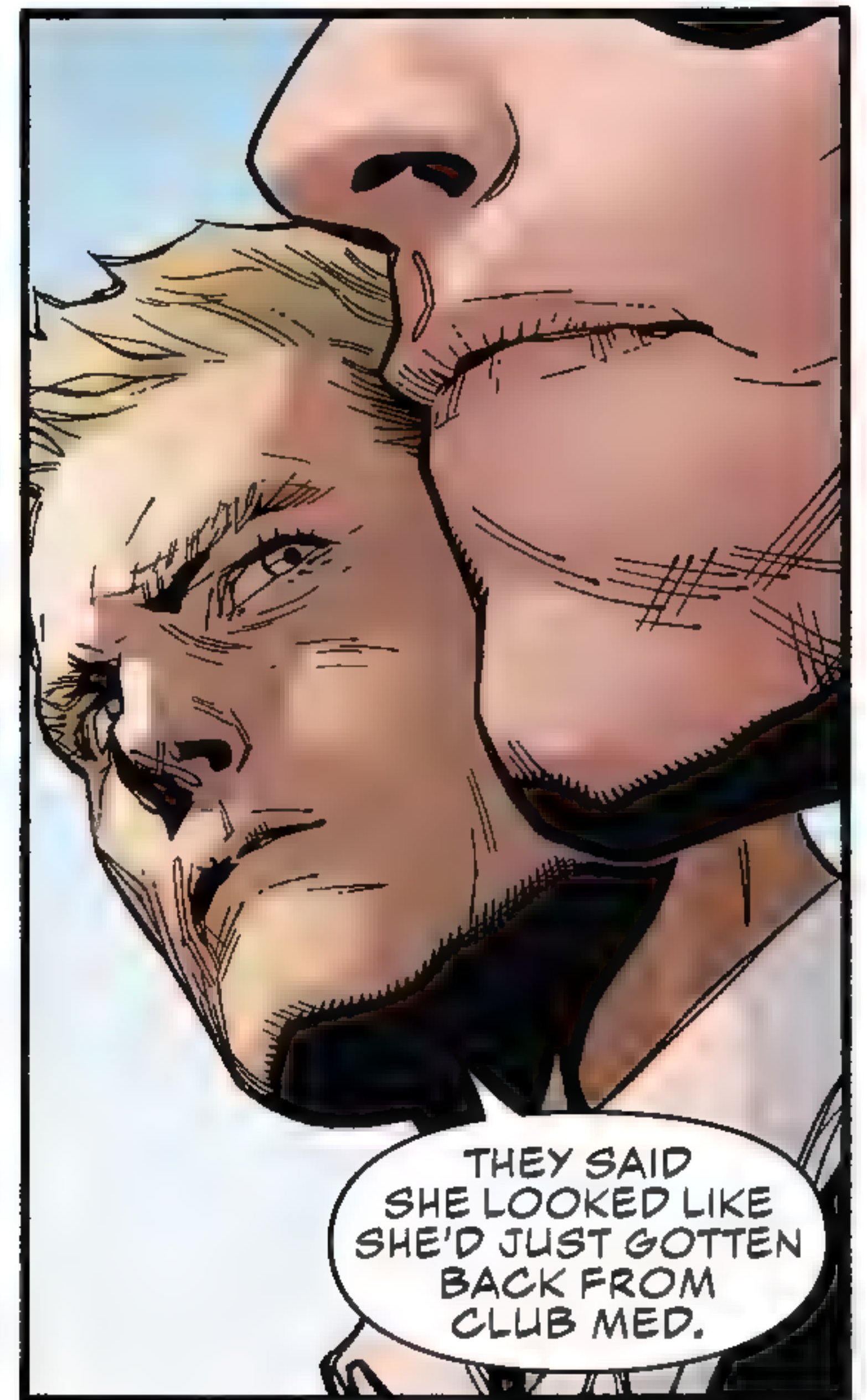
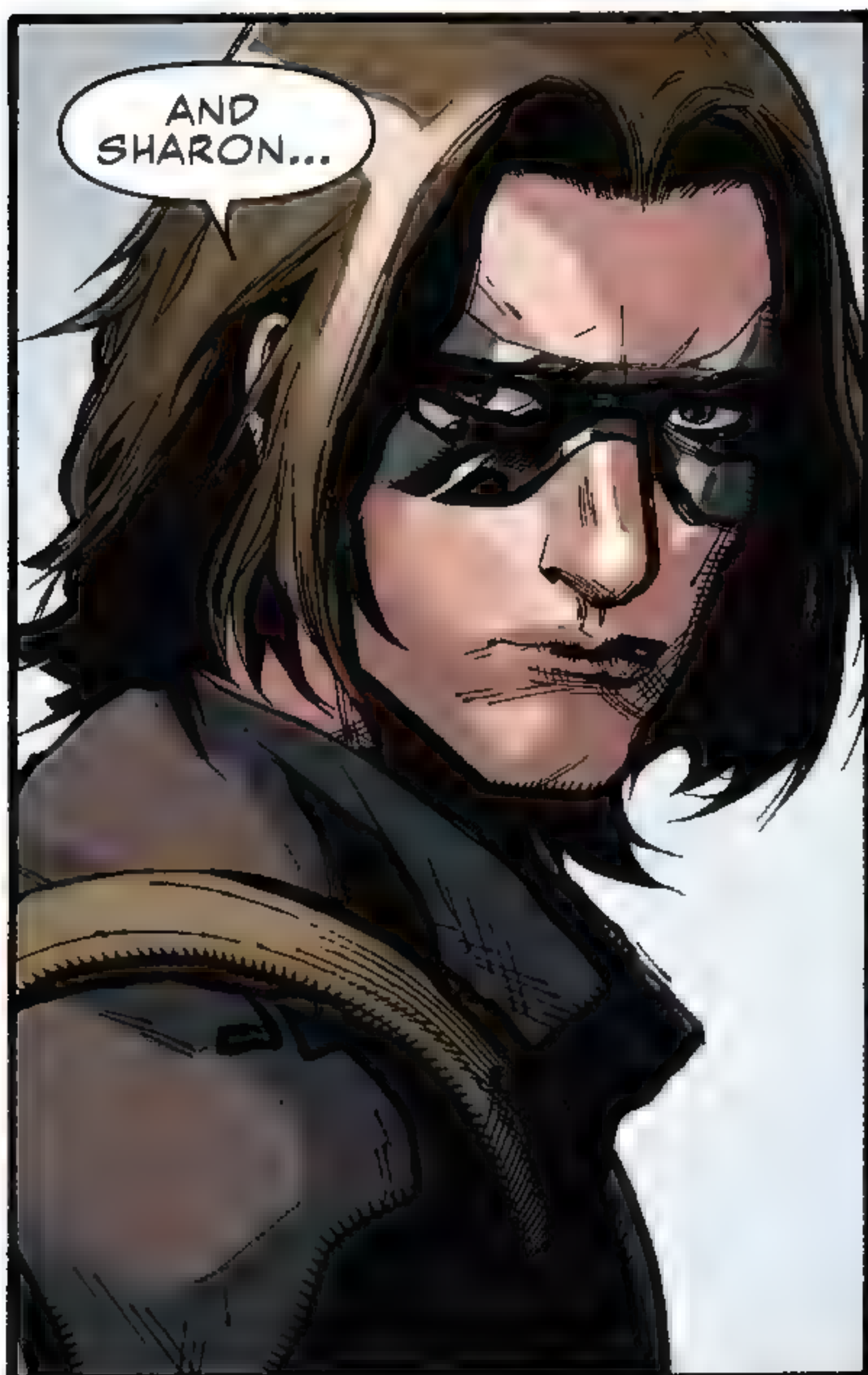
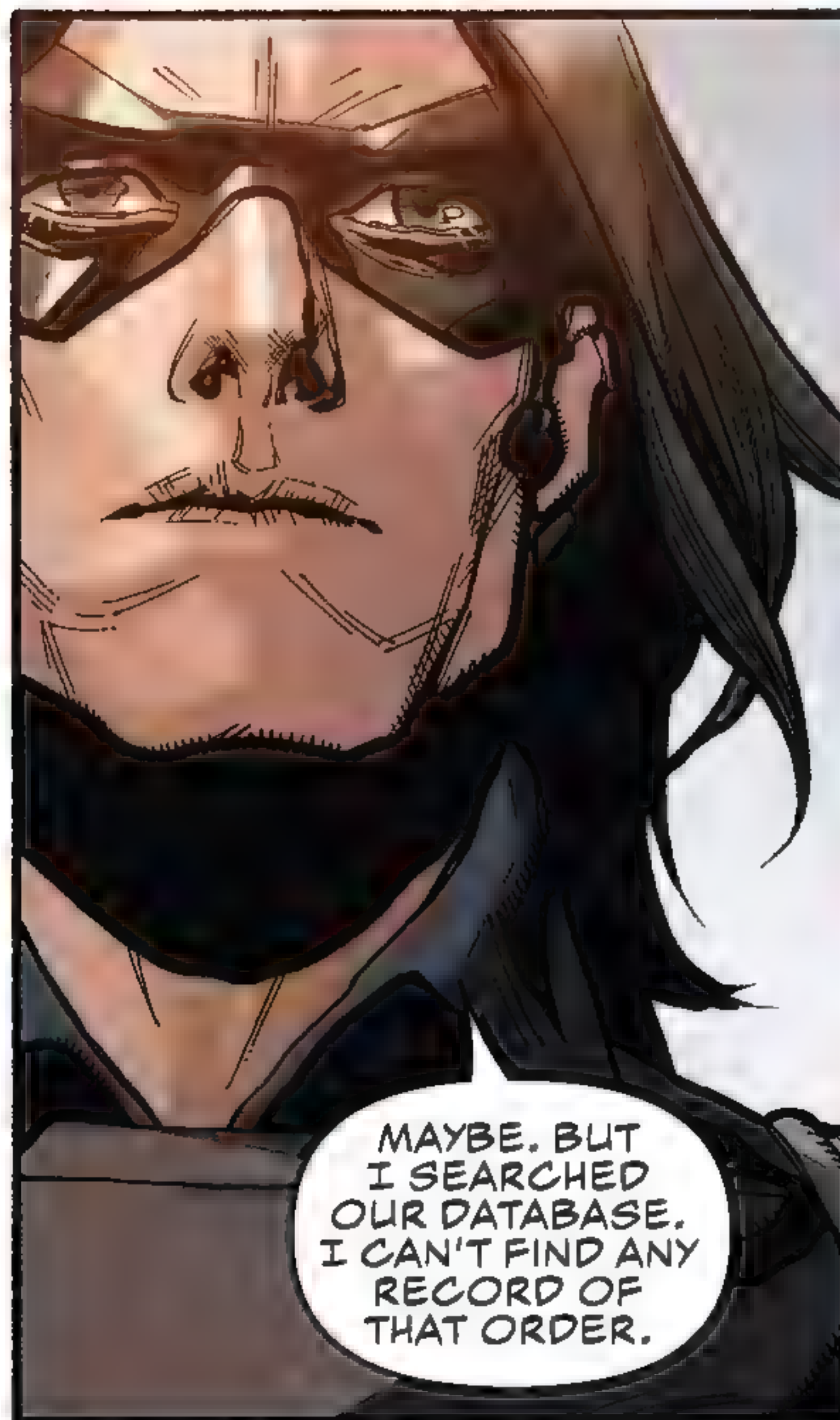
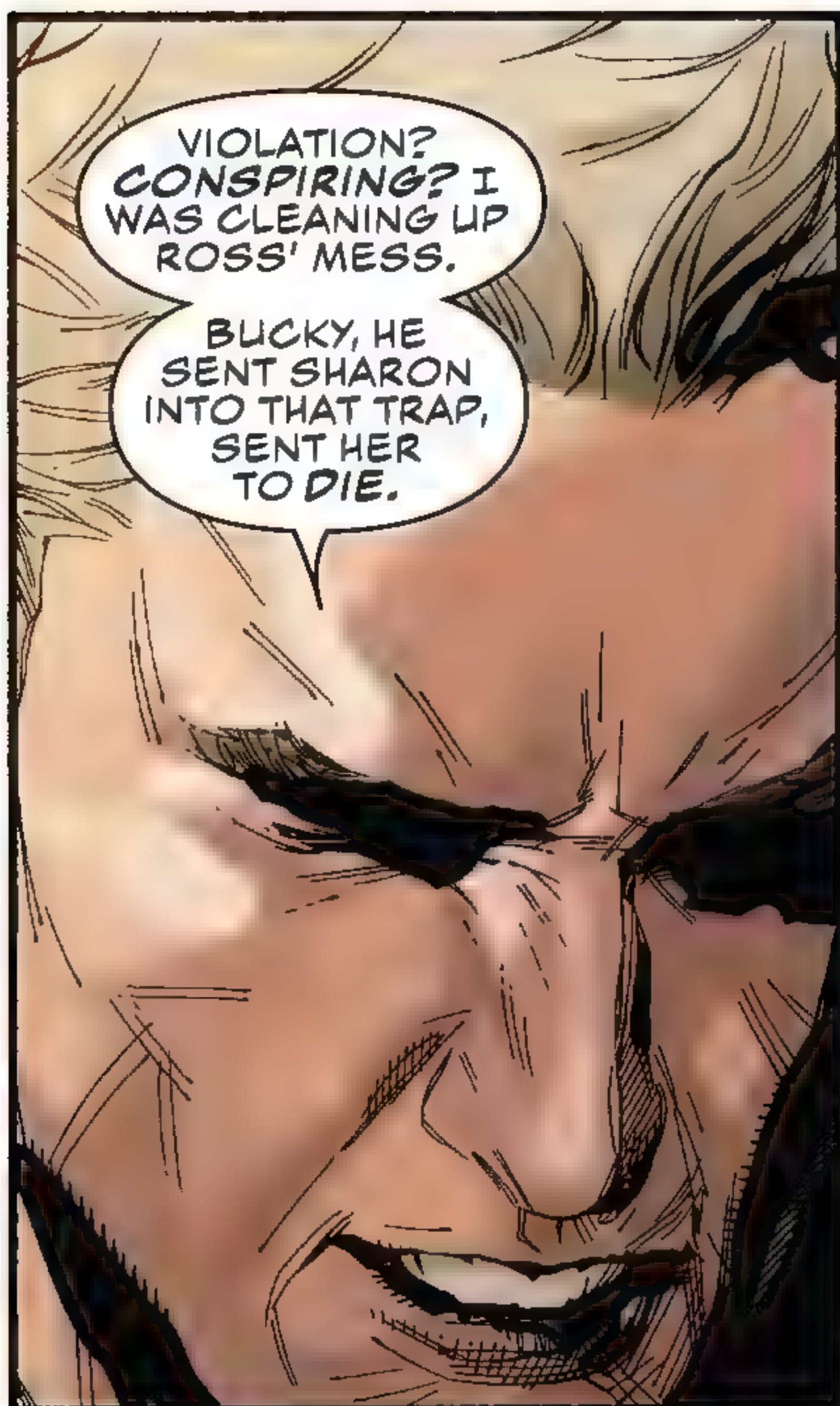






BROOKLYN.







"AND THAT
STRANGE
GIRL--

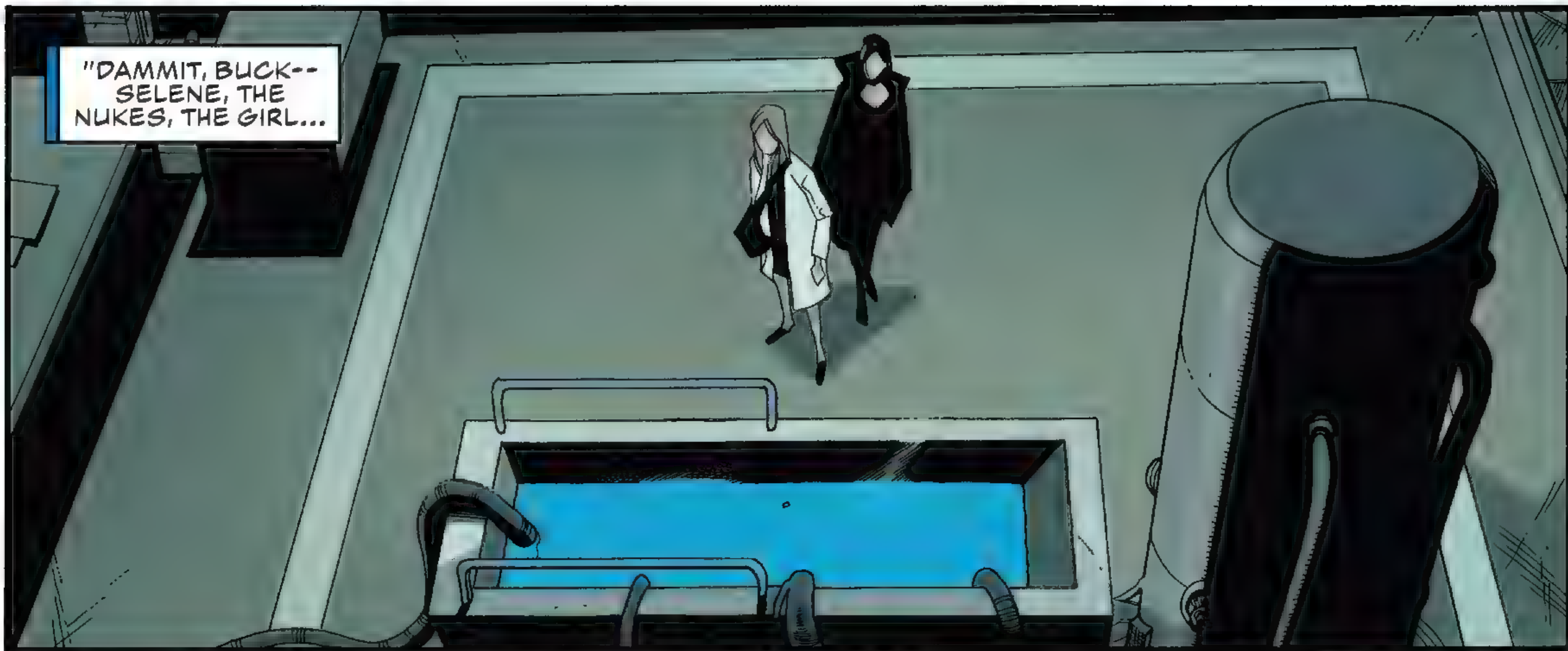


"--THE
WOMAN WITH
SELENE...

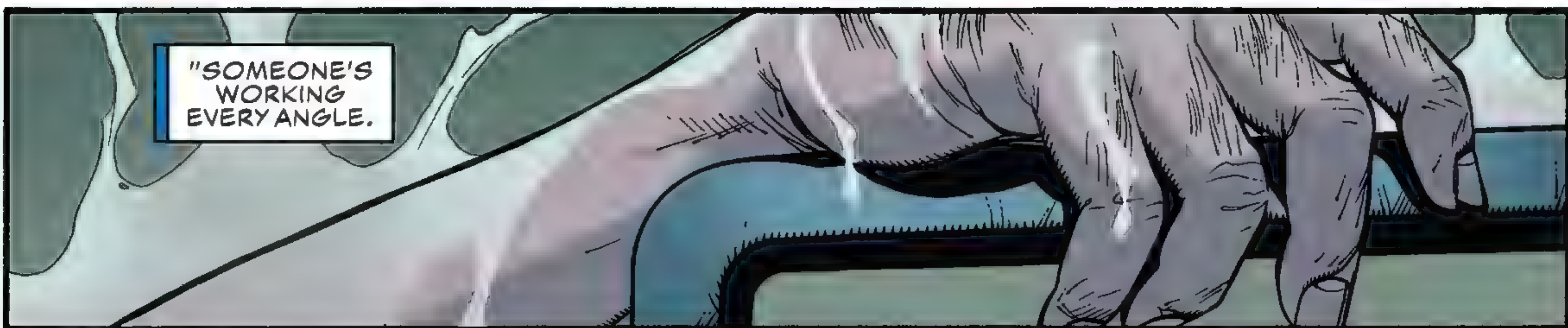


"WHAT'S
HER PART
IN THIS?

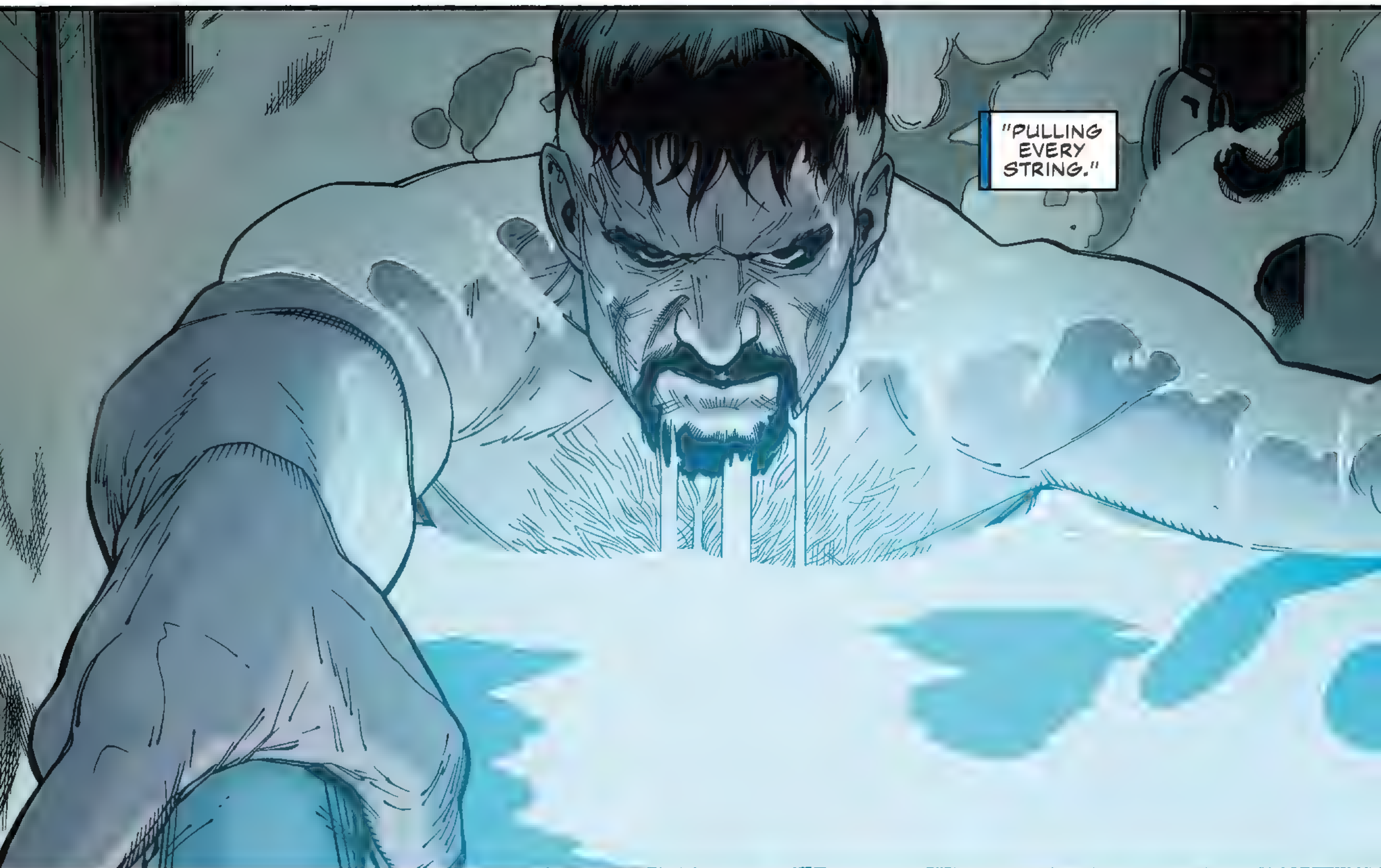




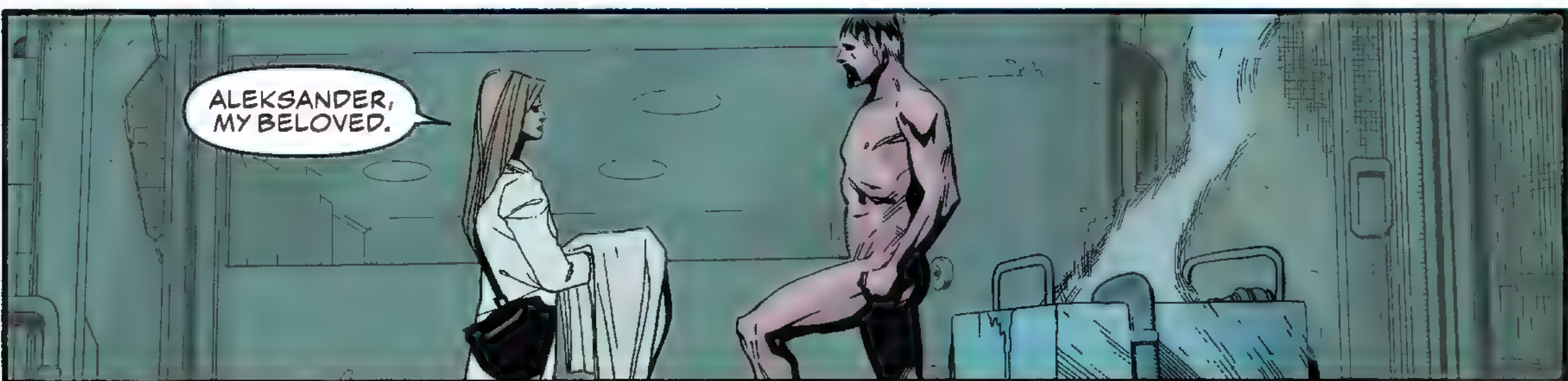
"DAMMIT, BUCK--
SELENE, THE
NUKES, THE GIRL..."



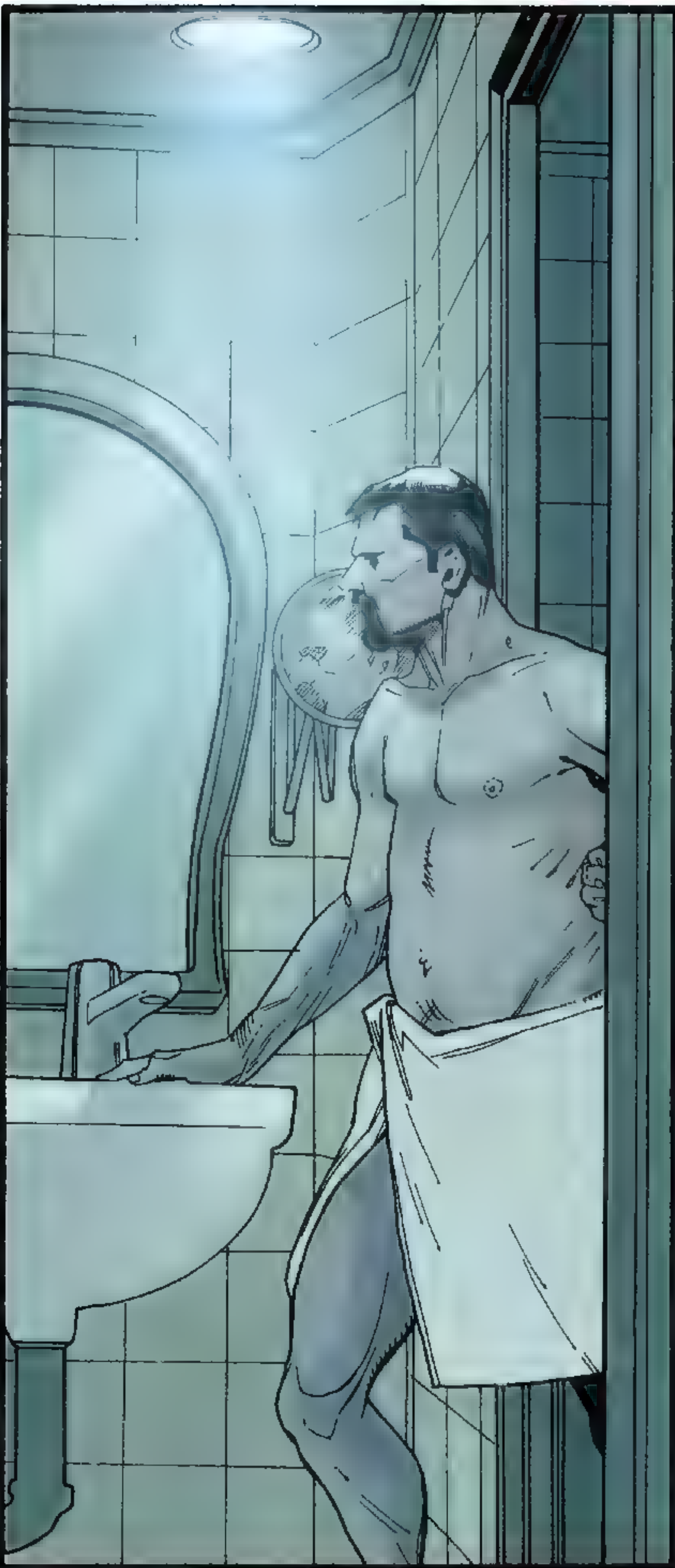
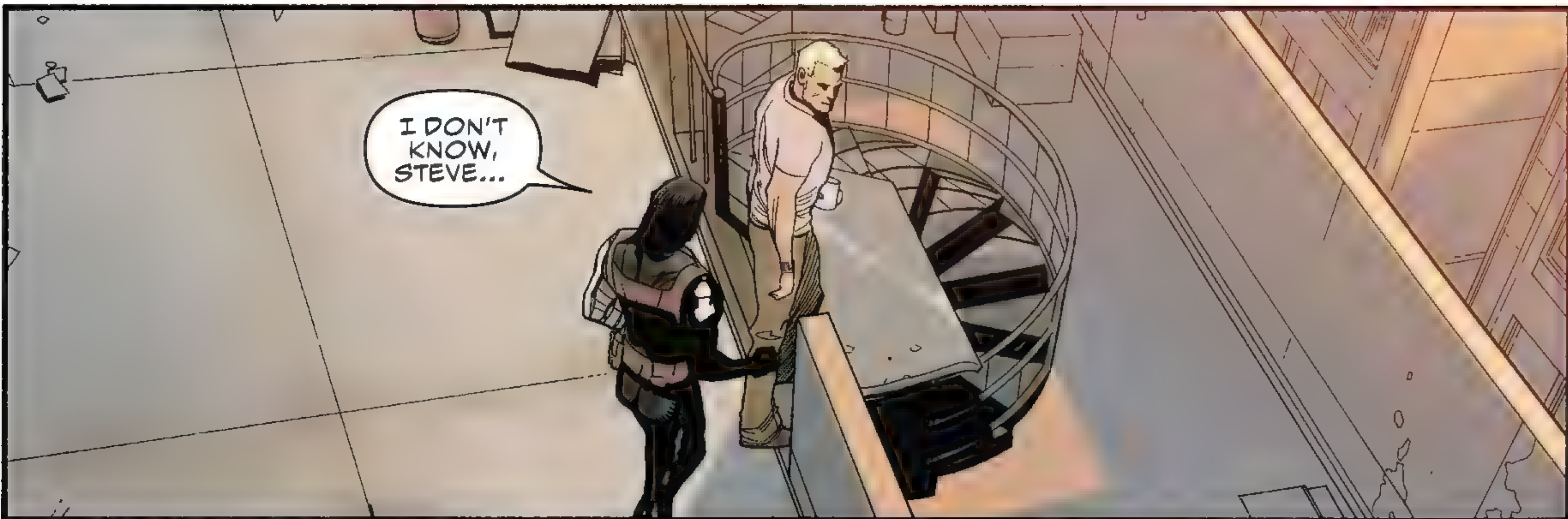
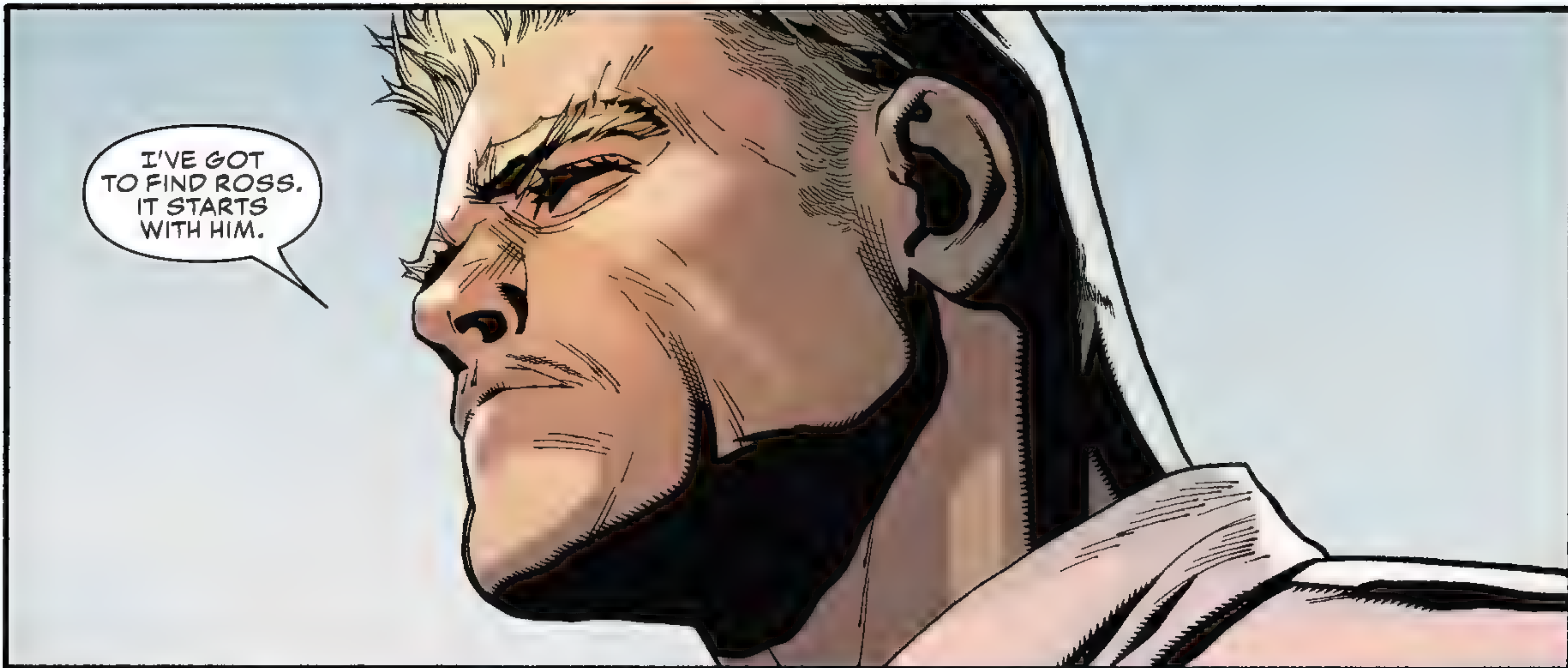
"SOMEONE'S
WORKING
EVERY ANGLE."



"PULLING
EVERY
STRING."



ALEKSANDER,
MY BELOVED.





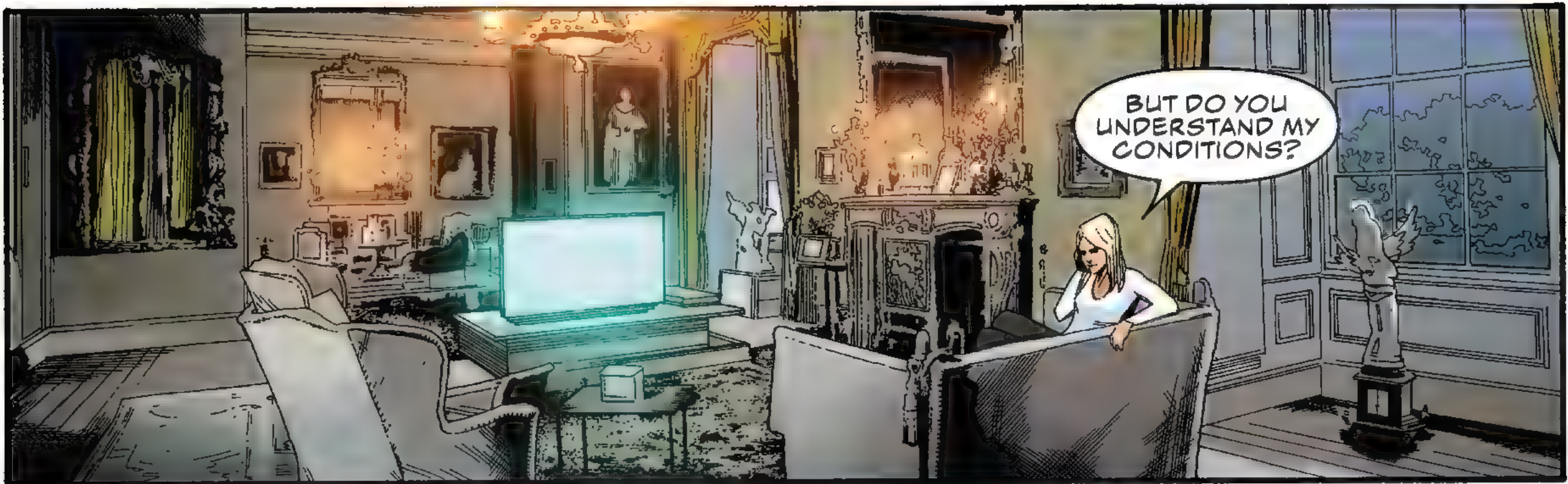
"THIS FEELS
BIGGER THAN
ROSS."



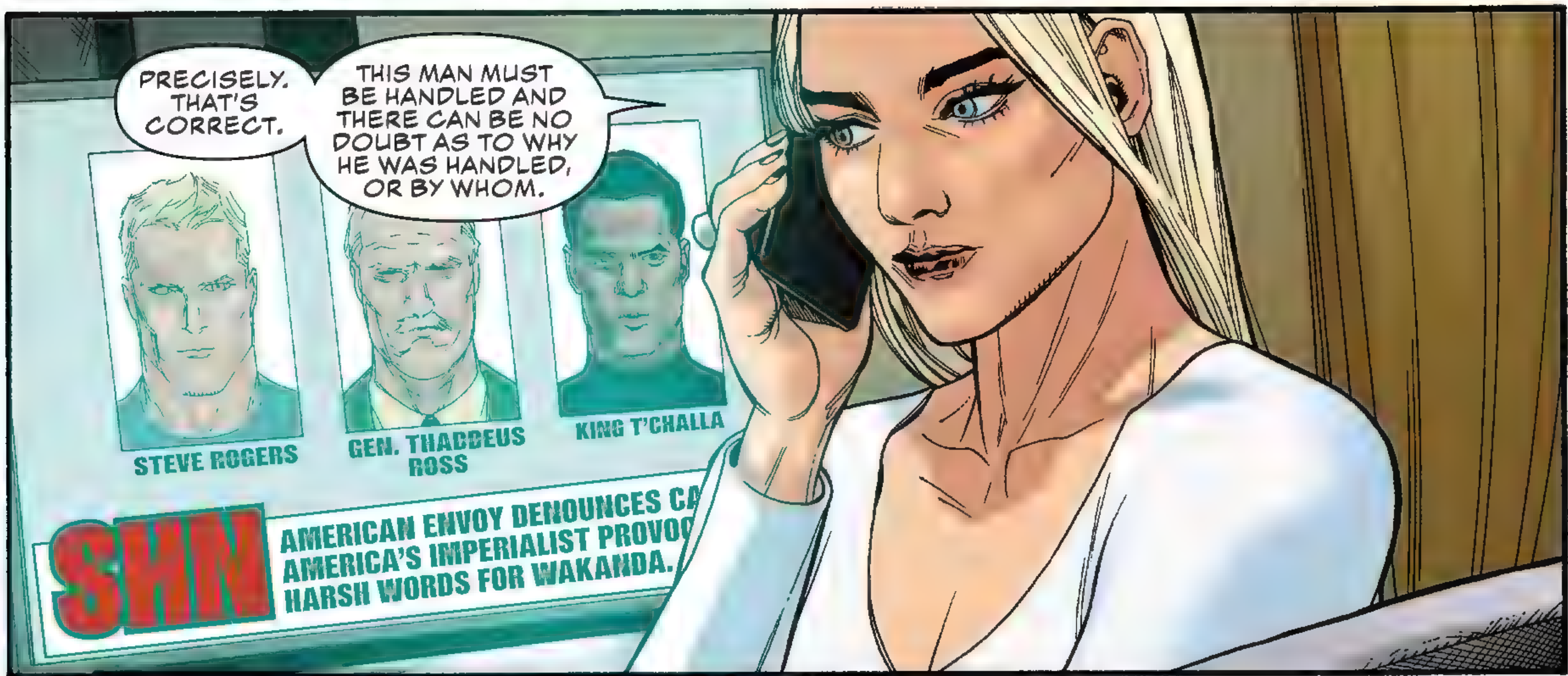


LUKIN ESTATE.
CAUCUS
MOUNTAINS.

YES, YES.
I AM QUITE
AWARE OF
YOUR FEE.



BUT DO YOU
UNDERSTAND MY
CONDITIONS?



PRECISELY.
THAT'S
CORRECT.

THIS MAN MUST
BE HANDLED AND
THERE CAN BE NO
DOUBT AS TO WHY
HE WAS HANDLED,
OR BY WHOM.

STEVE ROGERS

GEN. THADDEUS
ROSS

KING T'CHALLA

SHN

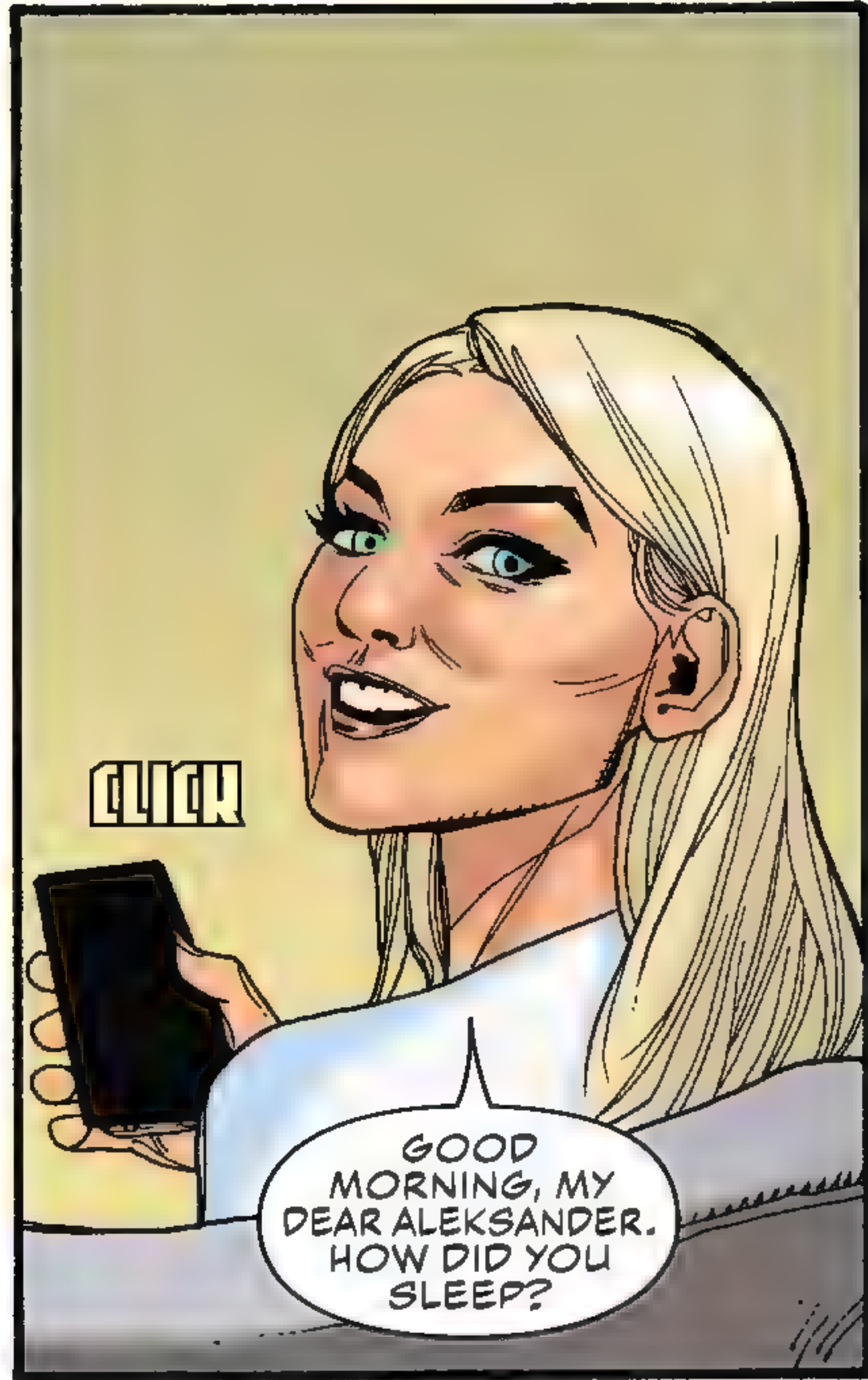
AMERICAN ENVOY DENOUNCES CA
AMERICA'S IMPERIALIST PROVOC
HARSH WORDS FOR WAKANDA.



OF COURSE. BITCOIN, EH? WELL,
OF COURSE. ALL THE KIDS ARE
DOING IT...

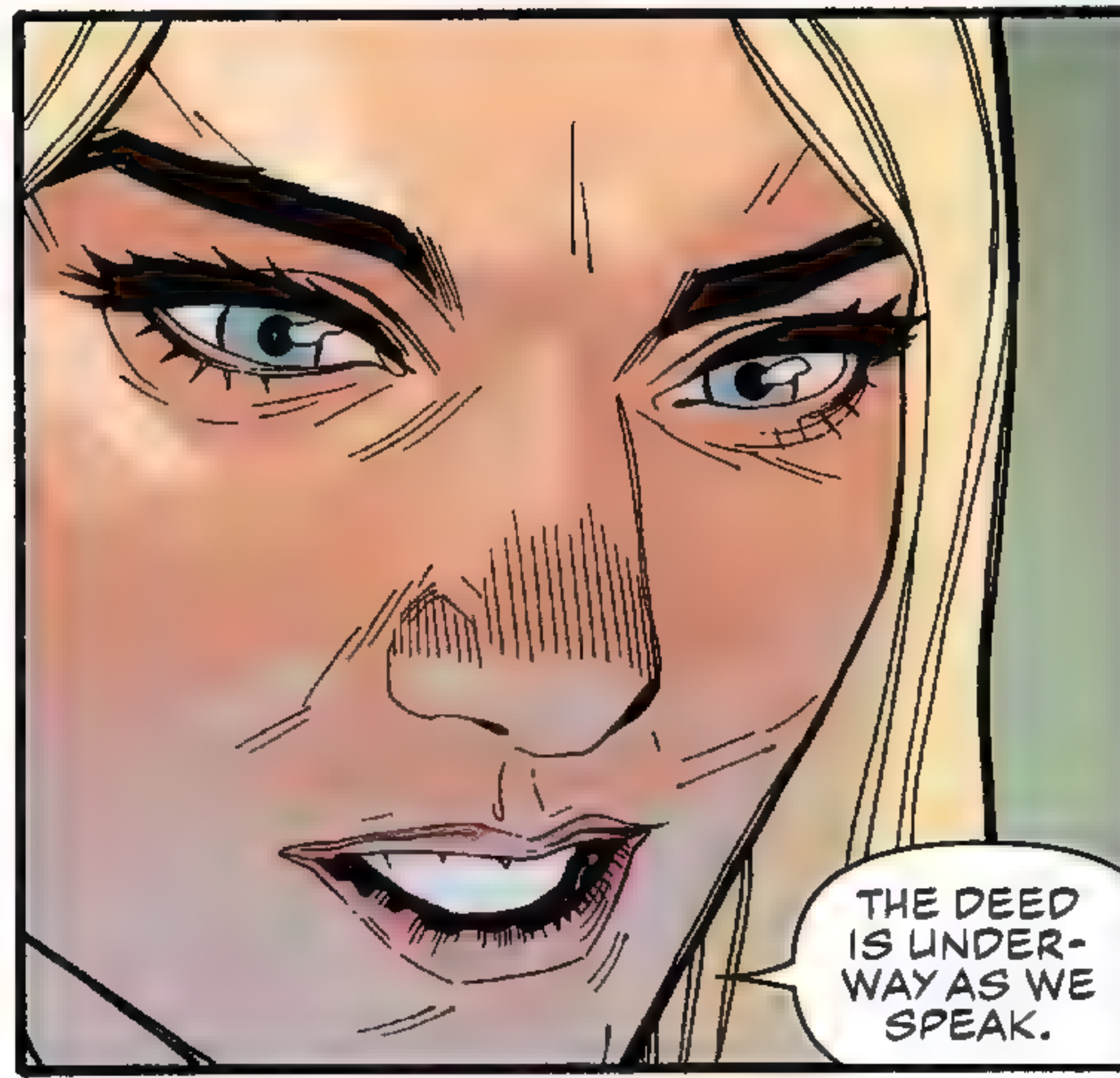
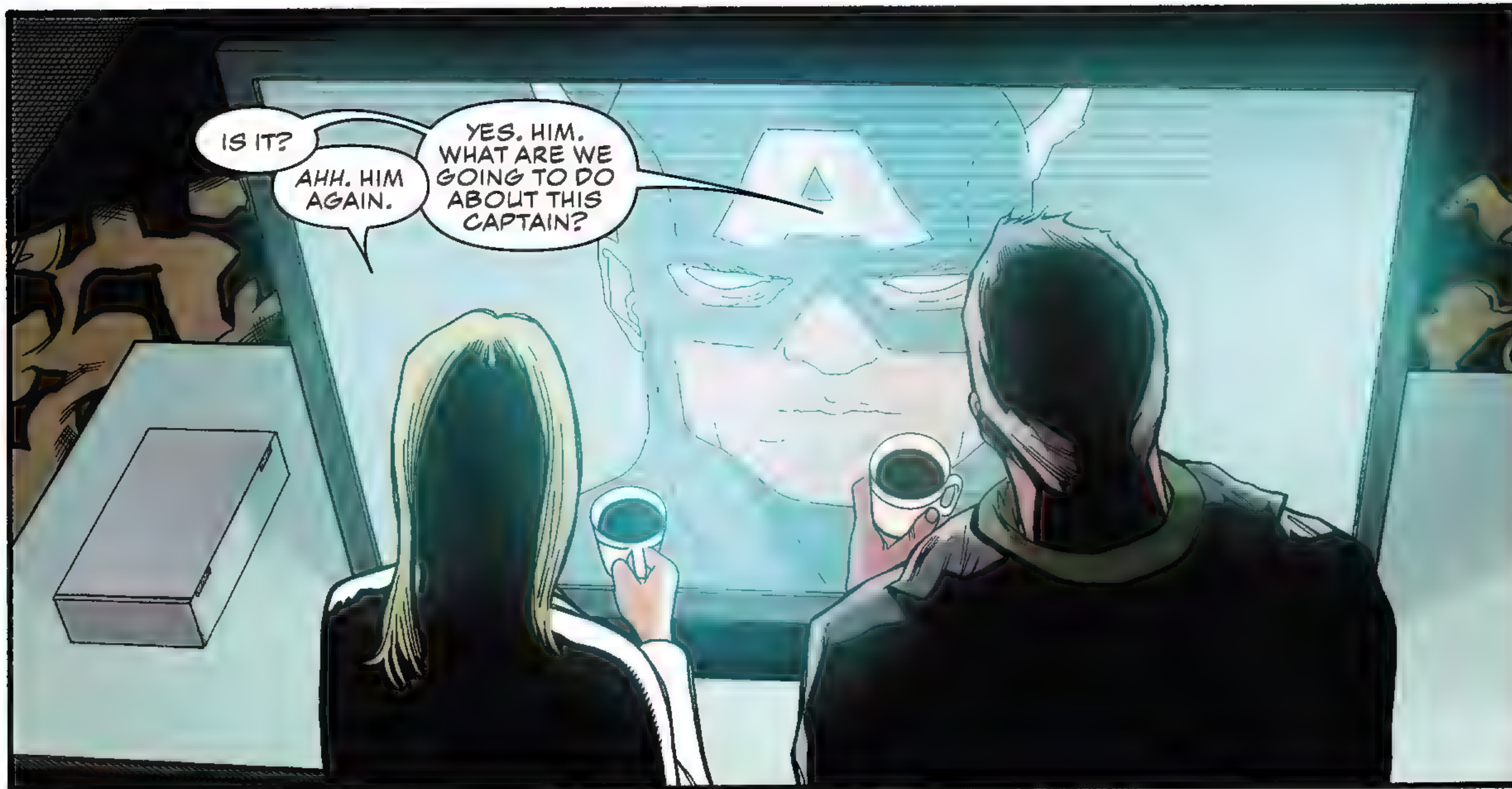


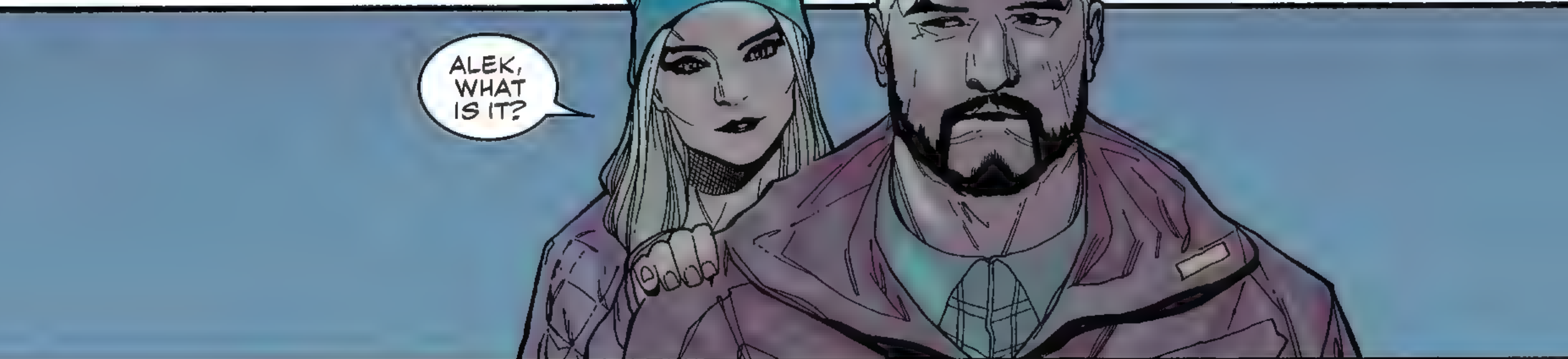
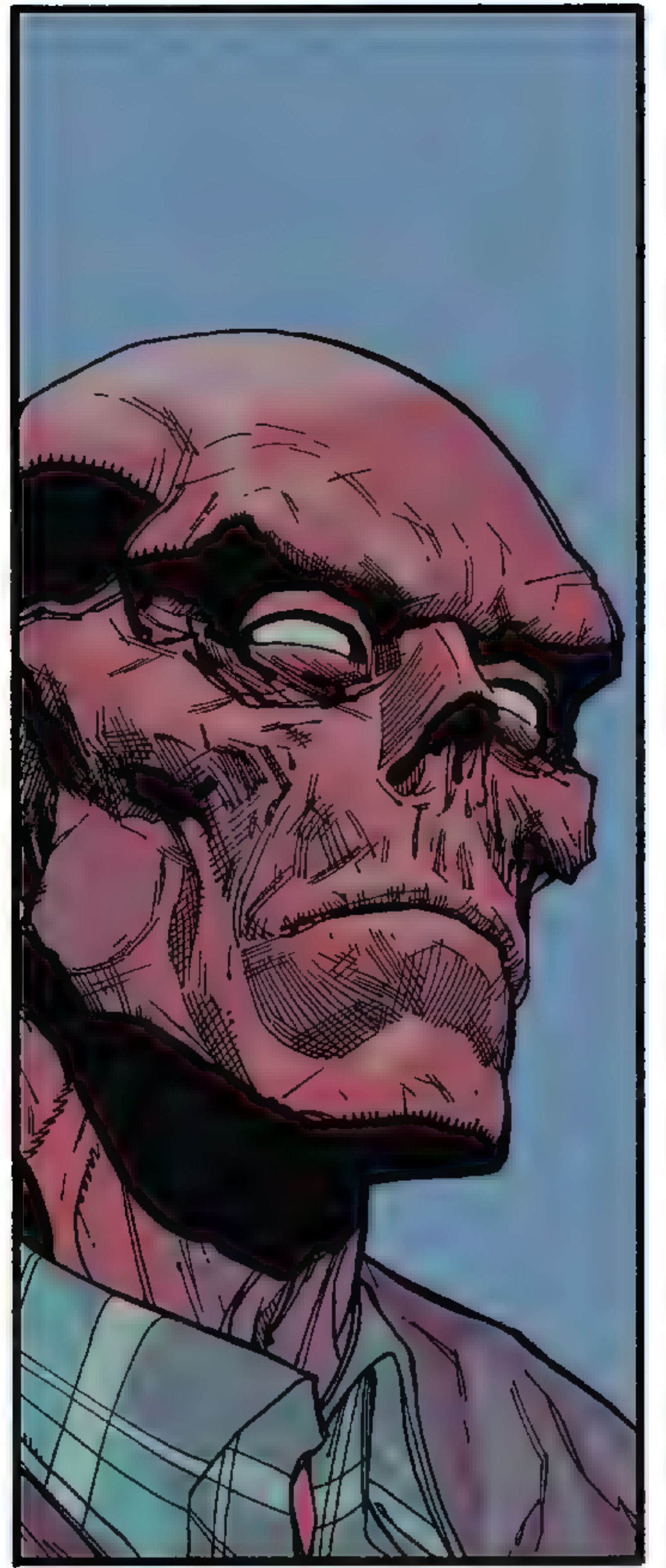
EXCELLENT.

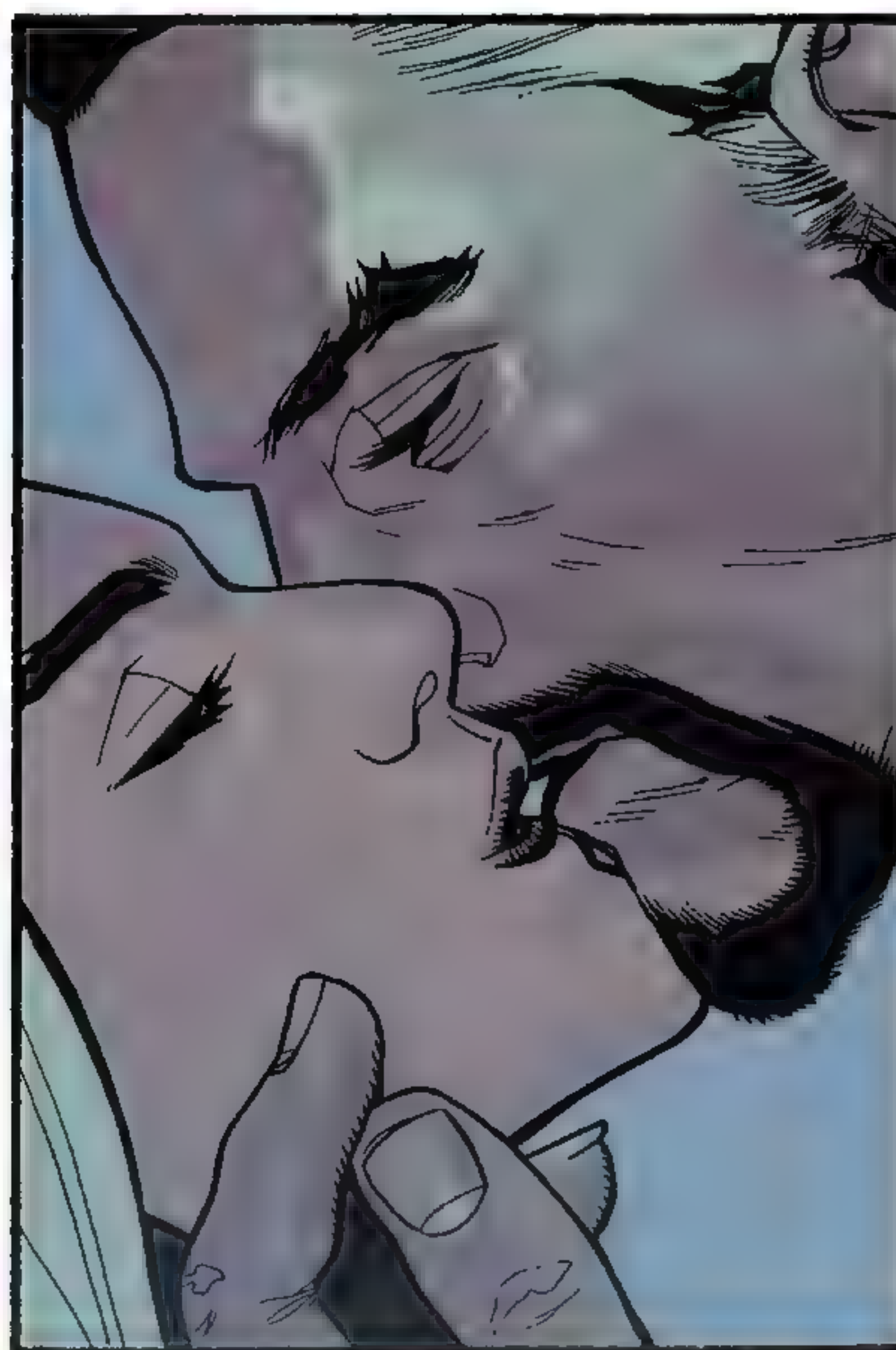


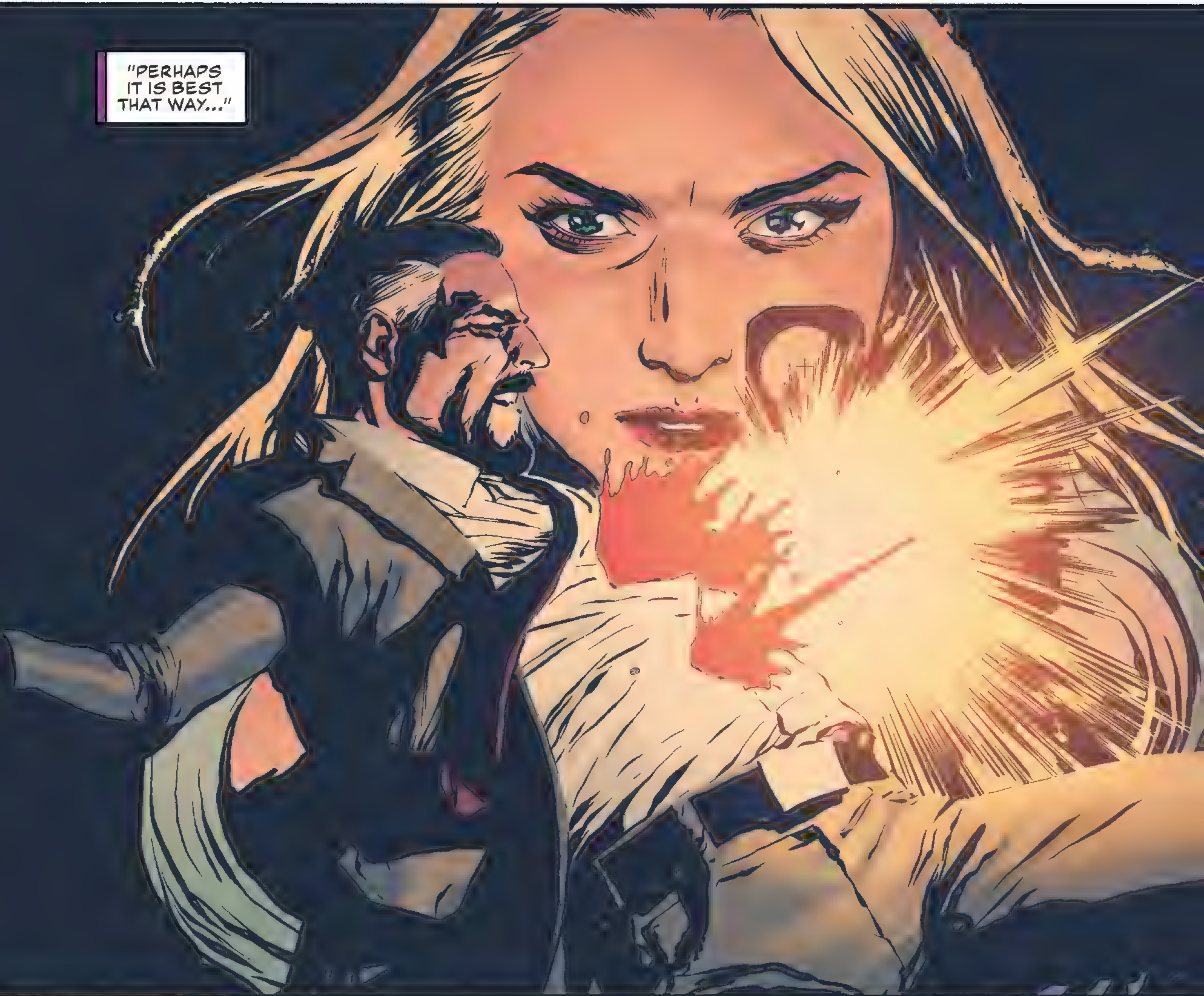
CLICK

GOOD
MORNING, MY
DEAR ALEKSANDER.
HOW DID YOU
SLEEP?









"PERHAPS
IT IS BEST
THAT WAY..."



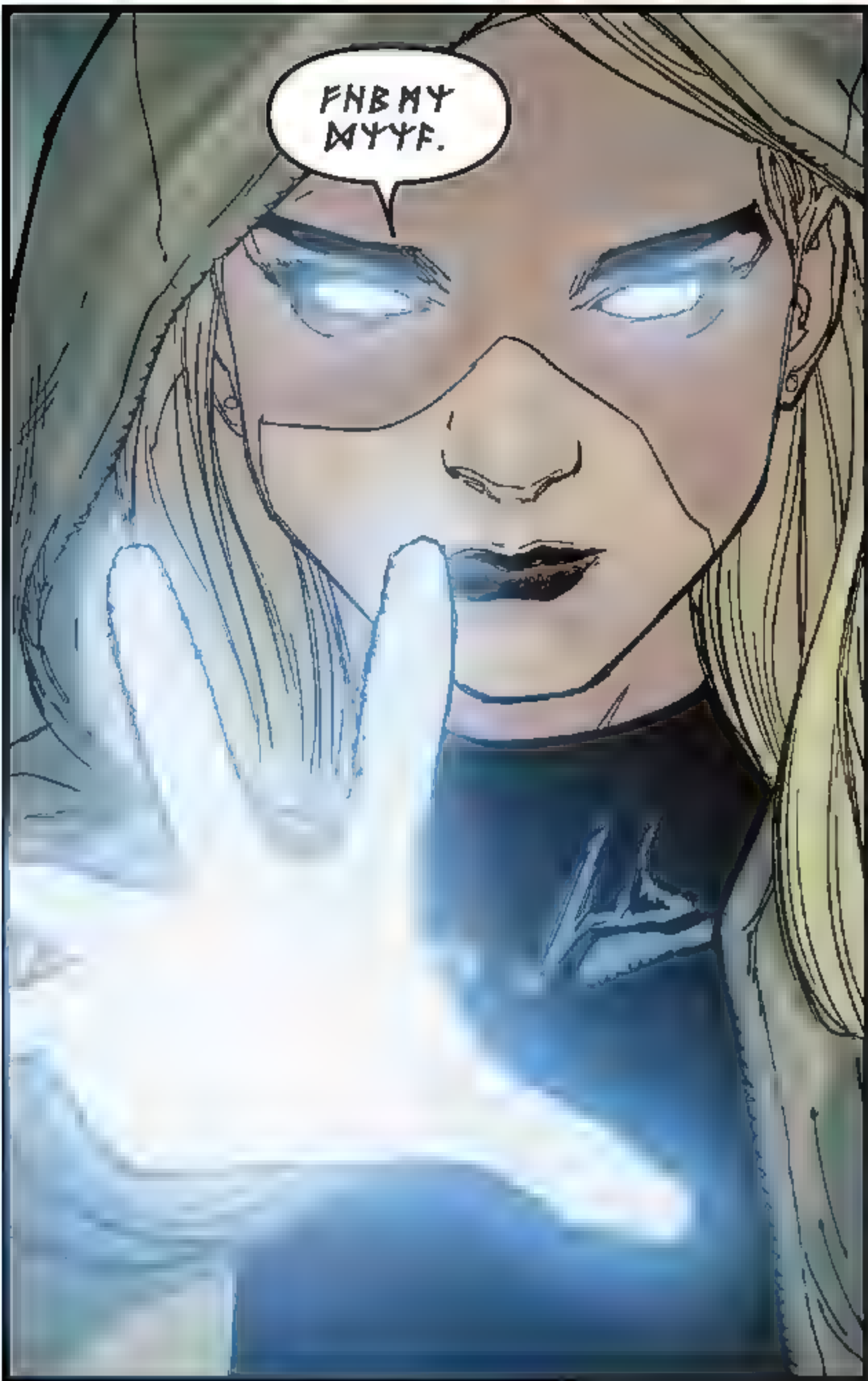
COME.
LET US
WALK.

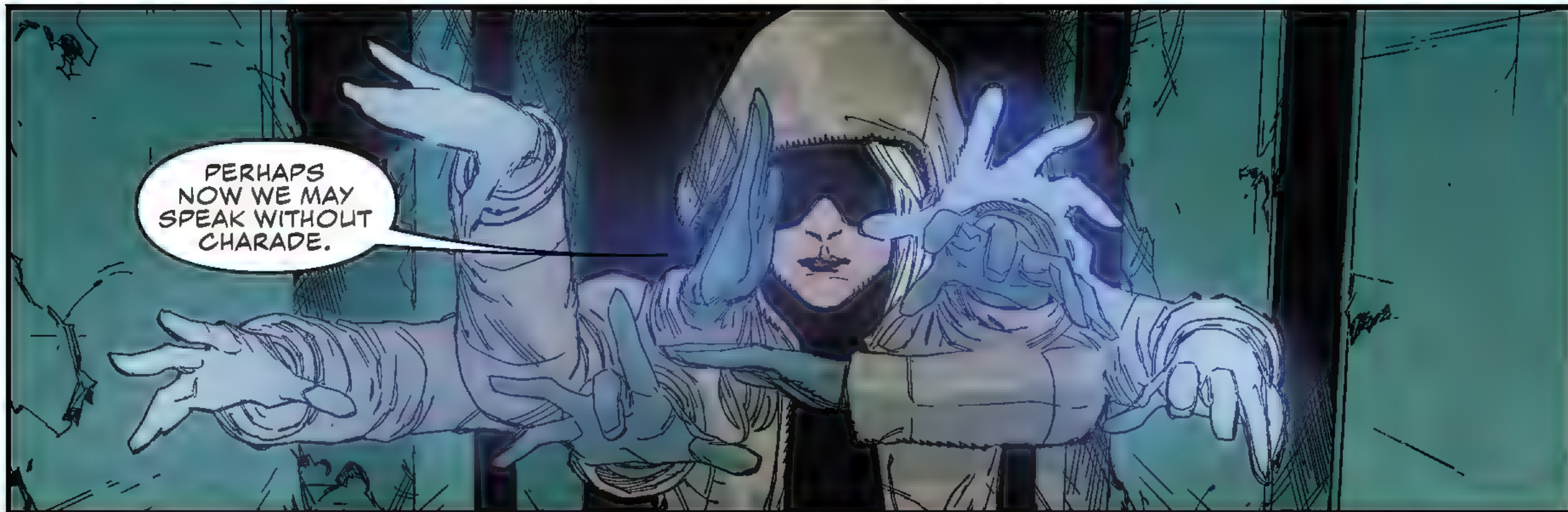


WE HAVE
TO HURRY IF
WE ARE TO
SEE IT.

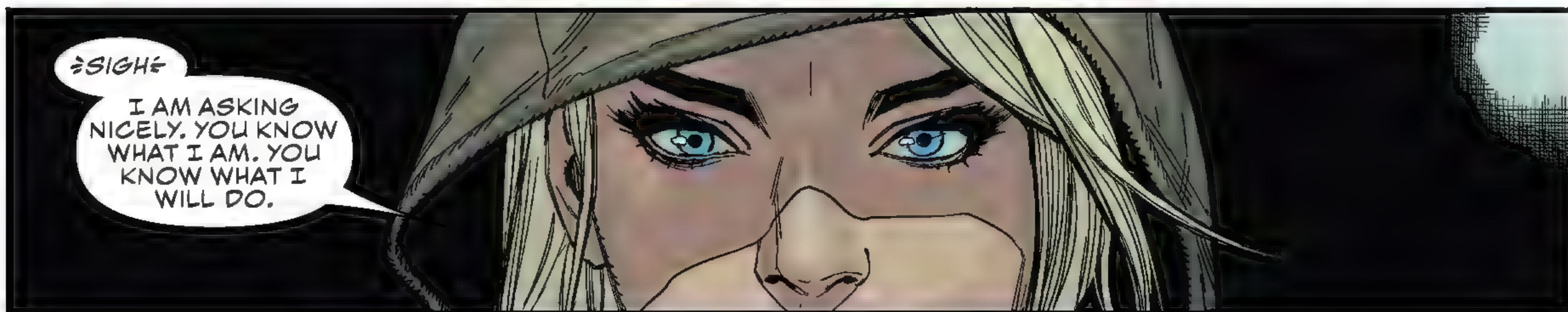
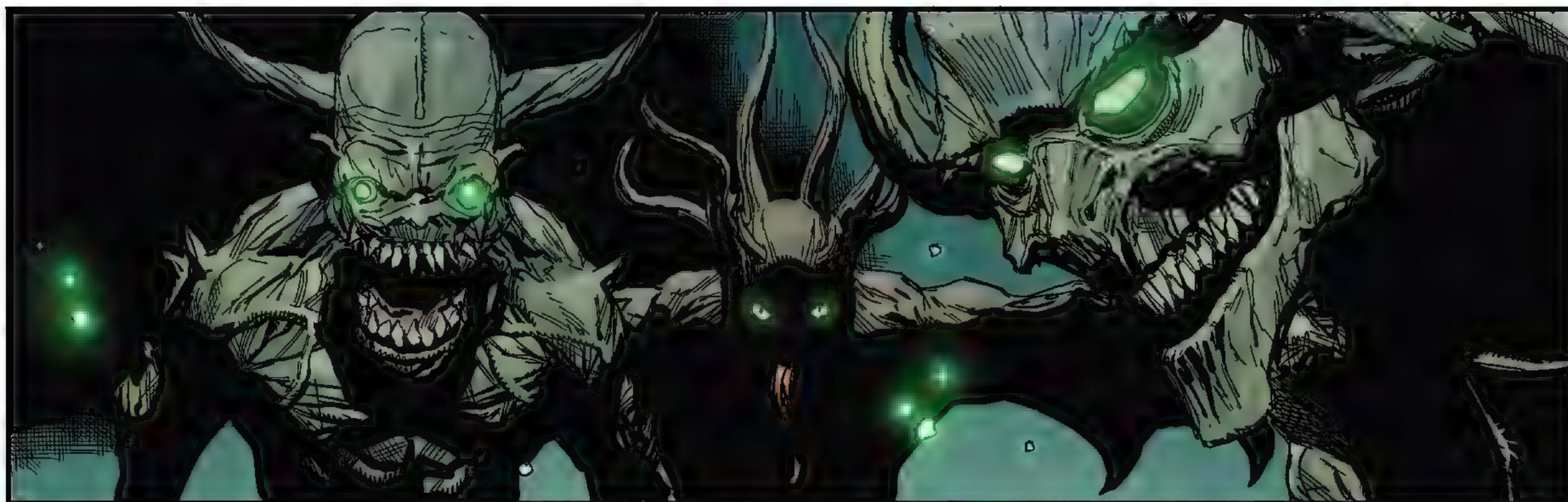


AND IF WE
MUST TELL
STORIES, MY
DEAR, LET THEM
NOT BE OF
DEATH...

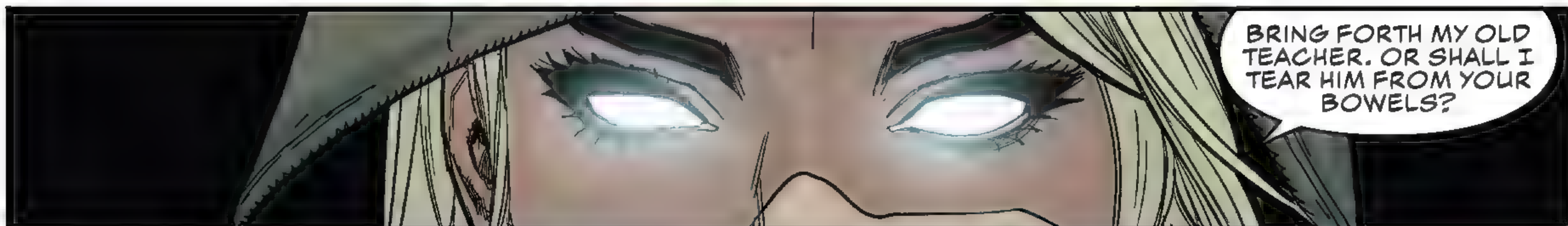




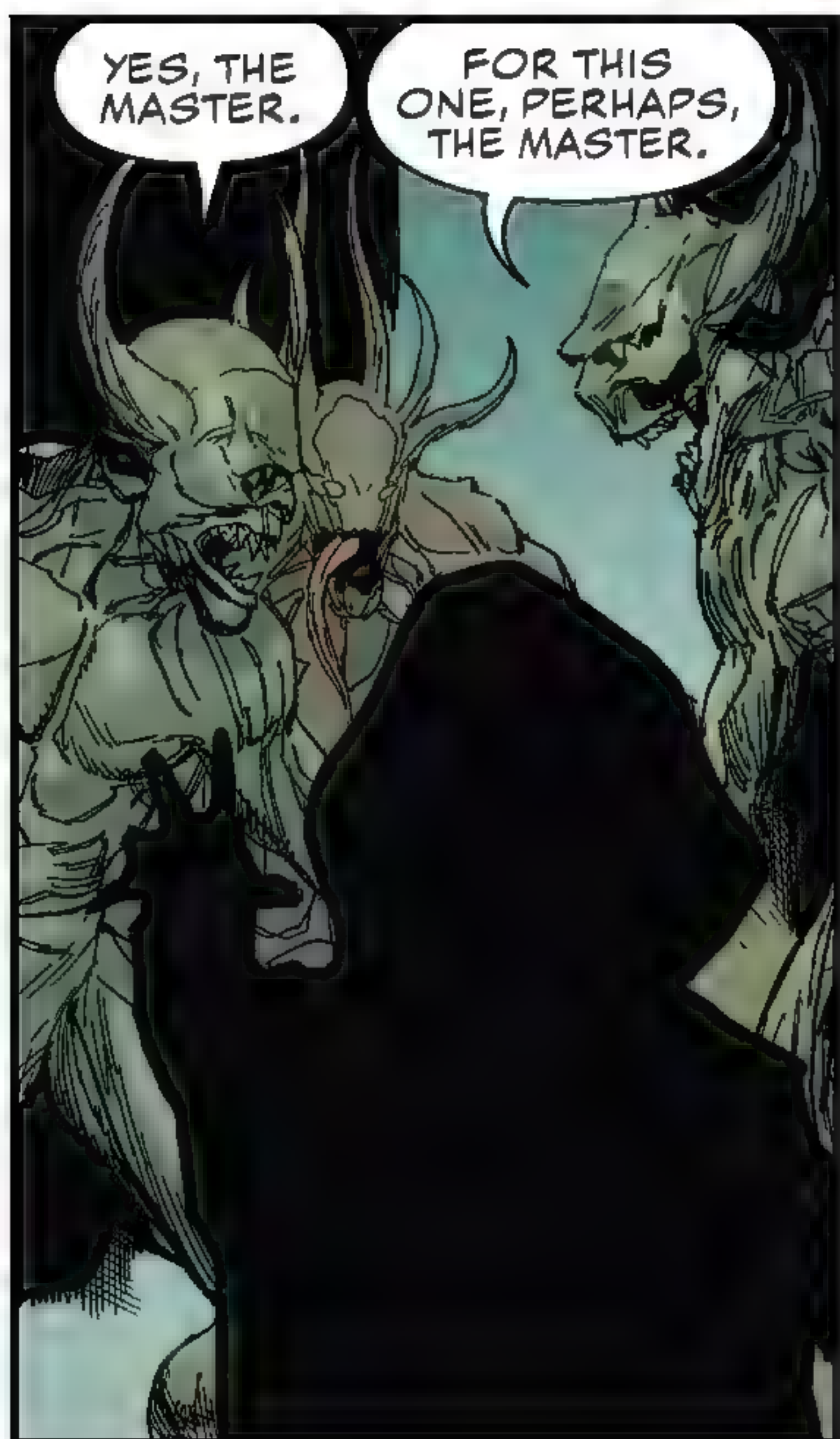
PERHAPS
NOW WE MAY
SPEAK WITHOUT
CHARADE.



≡SIGH≡
I AM ASKING
NICELY. YOU KNOW
WHAT I AM. YOU
KNOW WHAT I
WILL DO.

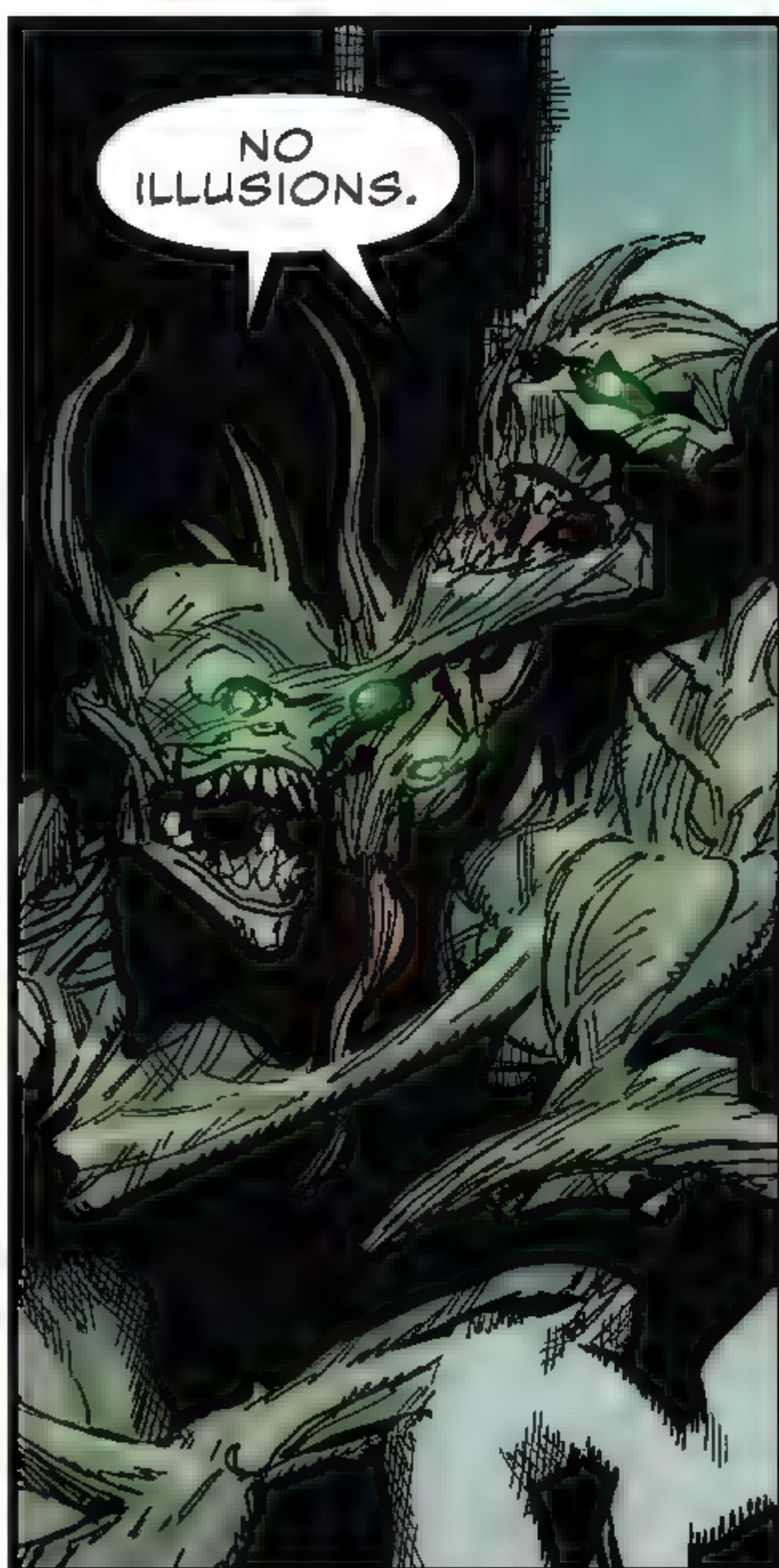


BRING FORTH MY OLD
TEACHER. OR SHALL I
TEAR HIM FROM YOUR
BOWELS?



YES, THE
MASTER.

FOR THIS
ONE, PERHAPS,
THE MASTER.



NO
ILLUSIONS.



NO
GAMES.



ONLY
RASPUTIN.



ALEXA...?

HAVE YOU
RETURNED,
MY CHILD?

FORGIVE
ME. THE GUARDIAN
SPELL FEEDS ON
THE BASER PARTS
OF ME.

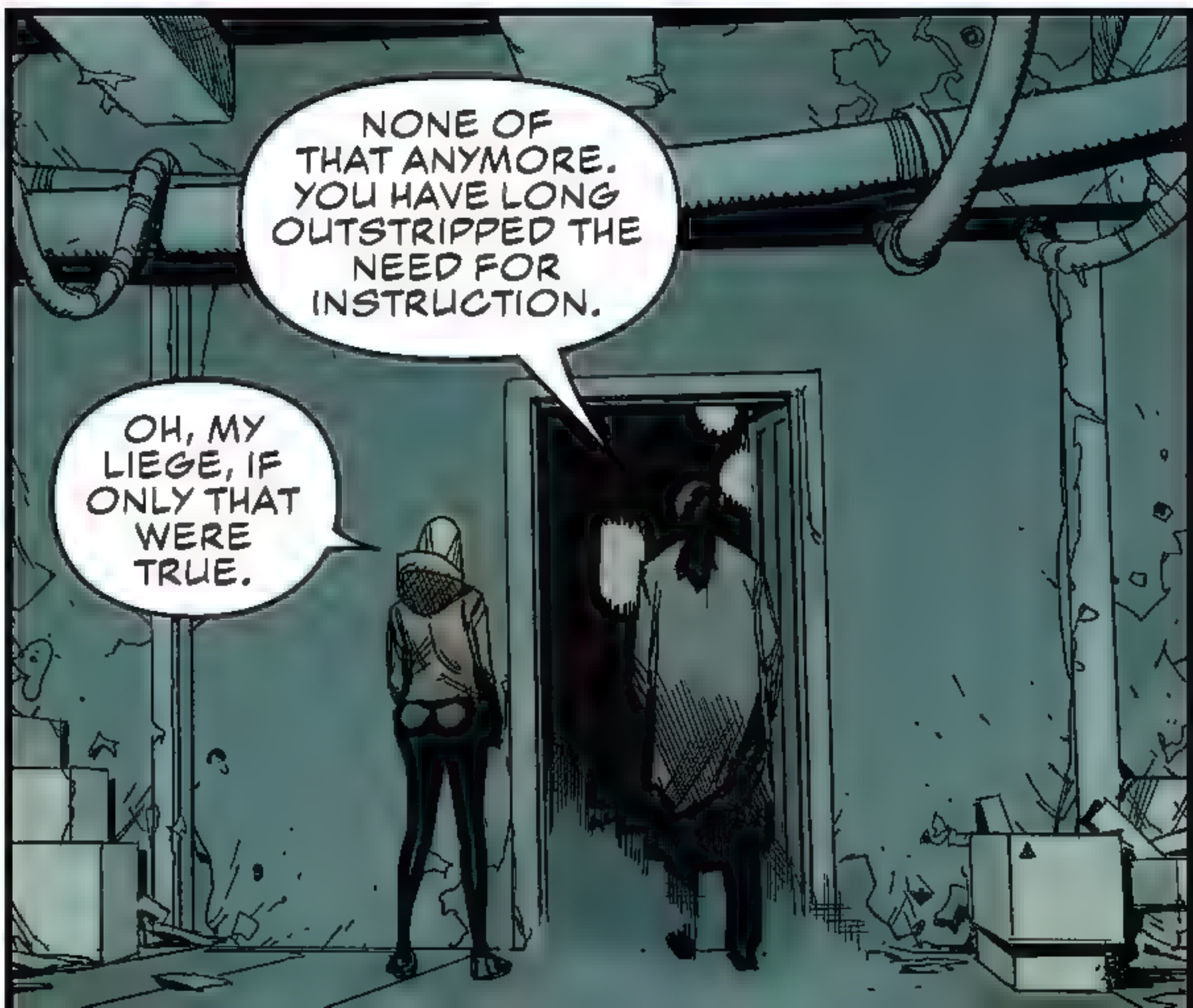


HAD I KNOWN YOU WERE
COMING, I...I WOULD HAVE
PREPARED A SUITABLE
WELCOME.



IT WAS THE
WELCOME I
EXPECTED.

YOU WERE
ALWAYS AN
ADROIT TEACHER,
RASPUTIN. BUT
YOU WERE NEVER
ANYONE'S
HOMEMAKER.



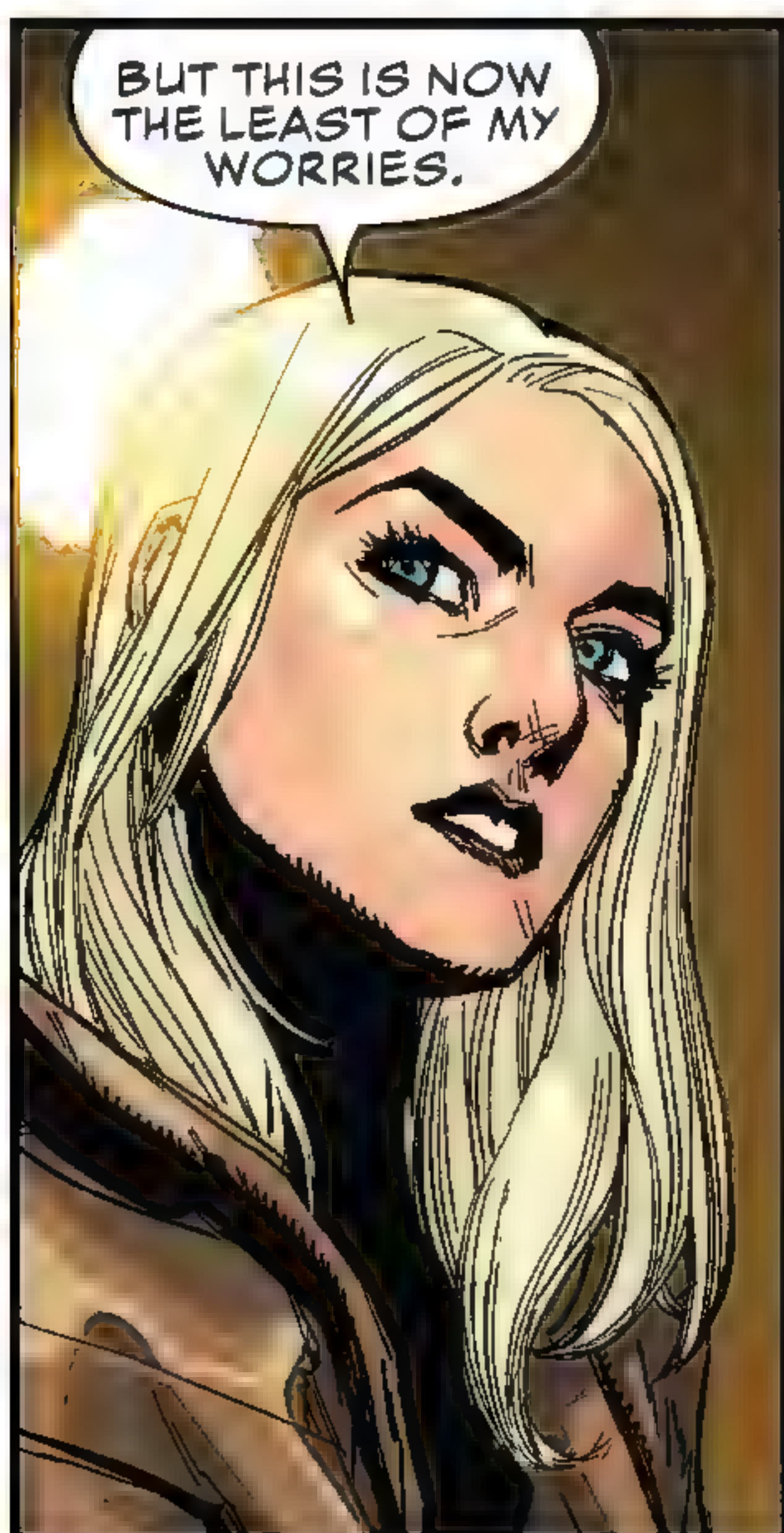
NONE OF
THAT ANYMORE.
YOU HAVE LONG
OUTSTRIPPED THE
NEED FOR
INSTRUCTION.

OH, MY
LIEGE, IF
ONLY THAT
WERE
TRUE.



IT IS MY ALEKSANDER.

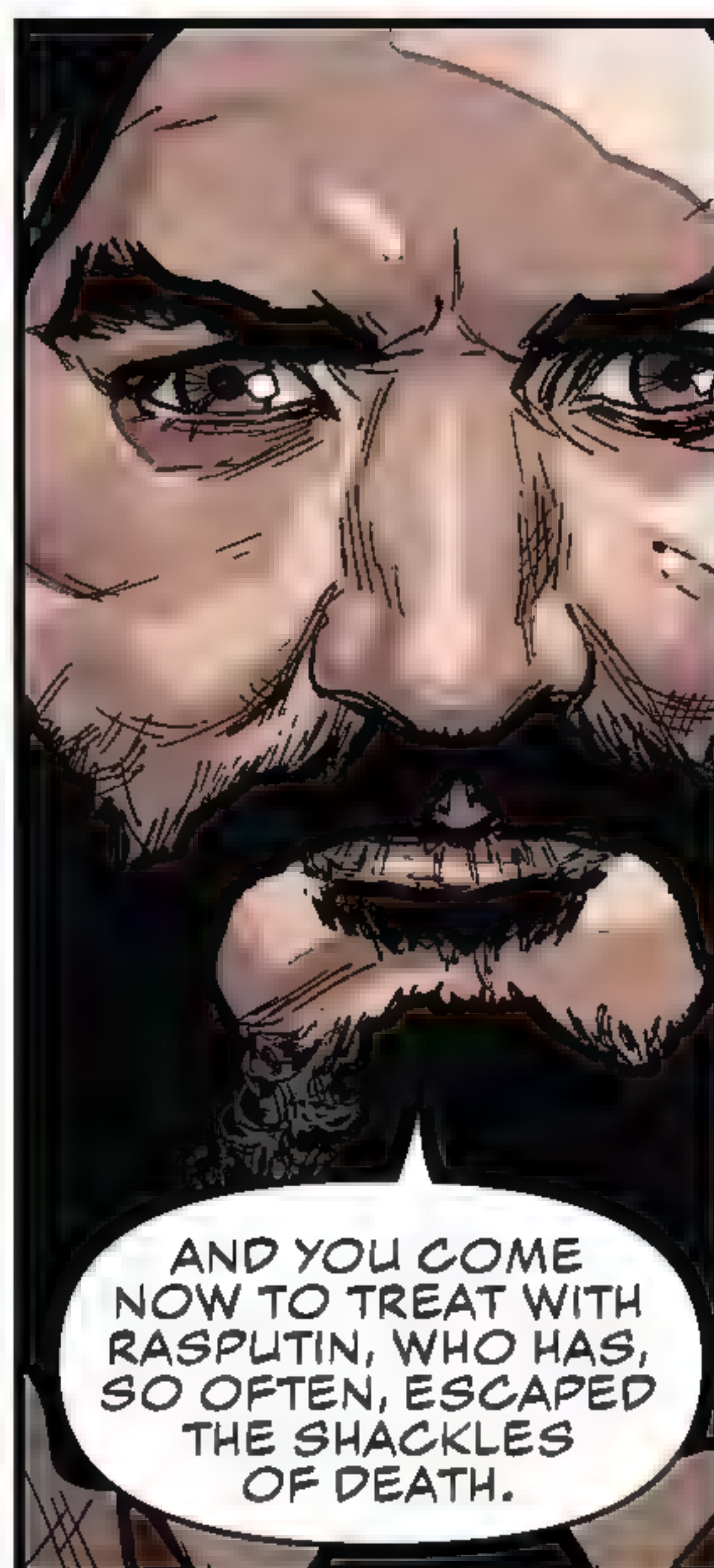
IT WAS THE HOPE OF DIVIDING HIM FROM THIS SAVAGE SHMIDT THAT BROUGHT ME UNDER YOUR TUTELAGE.



BUT THIS IS NOW THE LEAST OF MY WORRIES.



SO IT'S TRUE, IS IT?
GENERAL LUKIN IS DEAD.



AND YOU COME NOW TO TREAT WITH RASPUTIN, WHO HAS, SO OFTEN, ESCAPED THE SHACKLES OF DEATH.



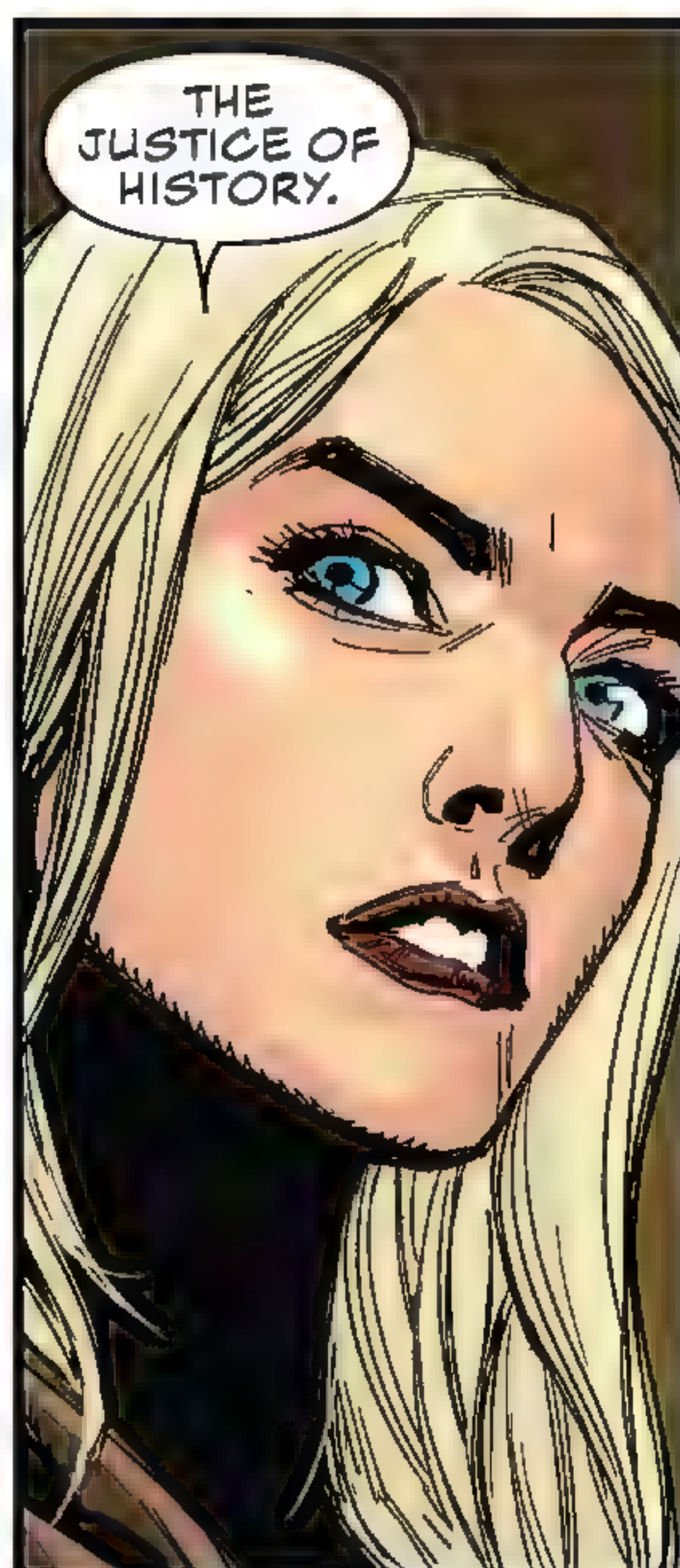
MY LIFE... IS FORFEIT WITHOUT HIM.

THE GRIEF OVERAWES ME LIKE A GREAT WAVE.

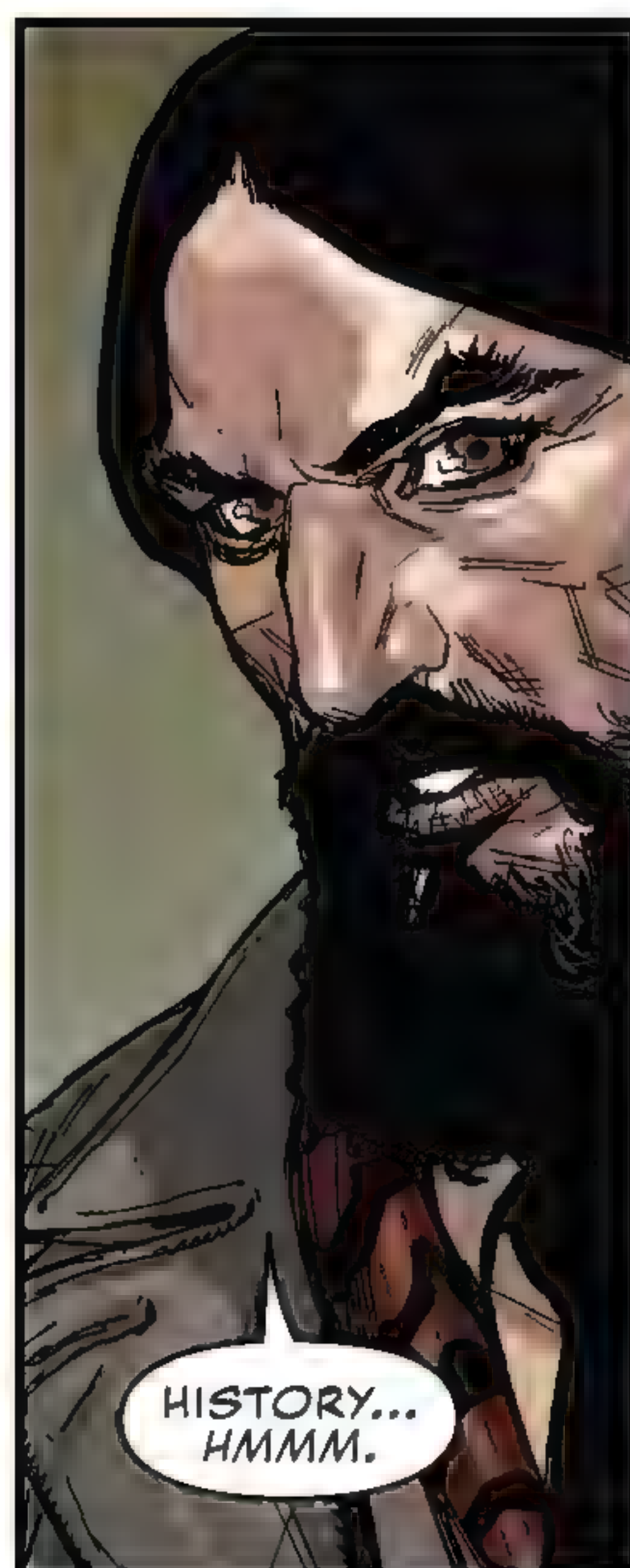


BUT GRIEF IS NOT ENOUGH. THE RANKS OF WIDOWS INCREASE EVEN AS WE SPEAK.

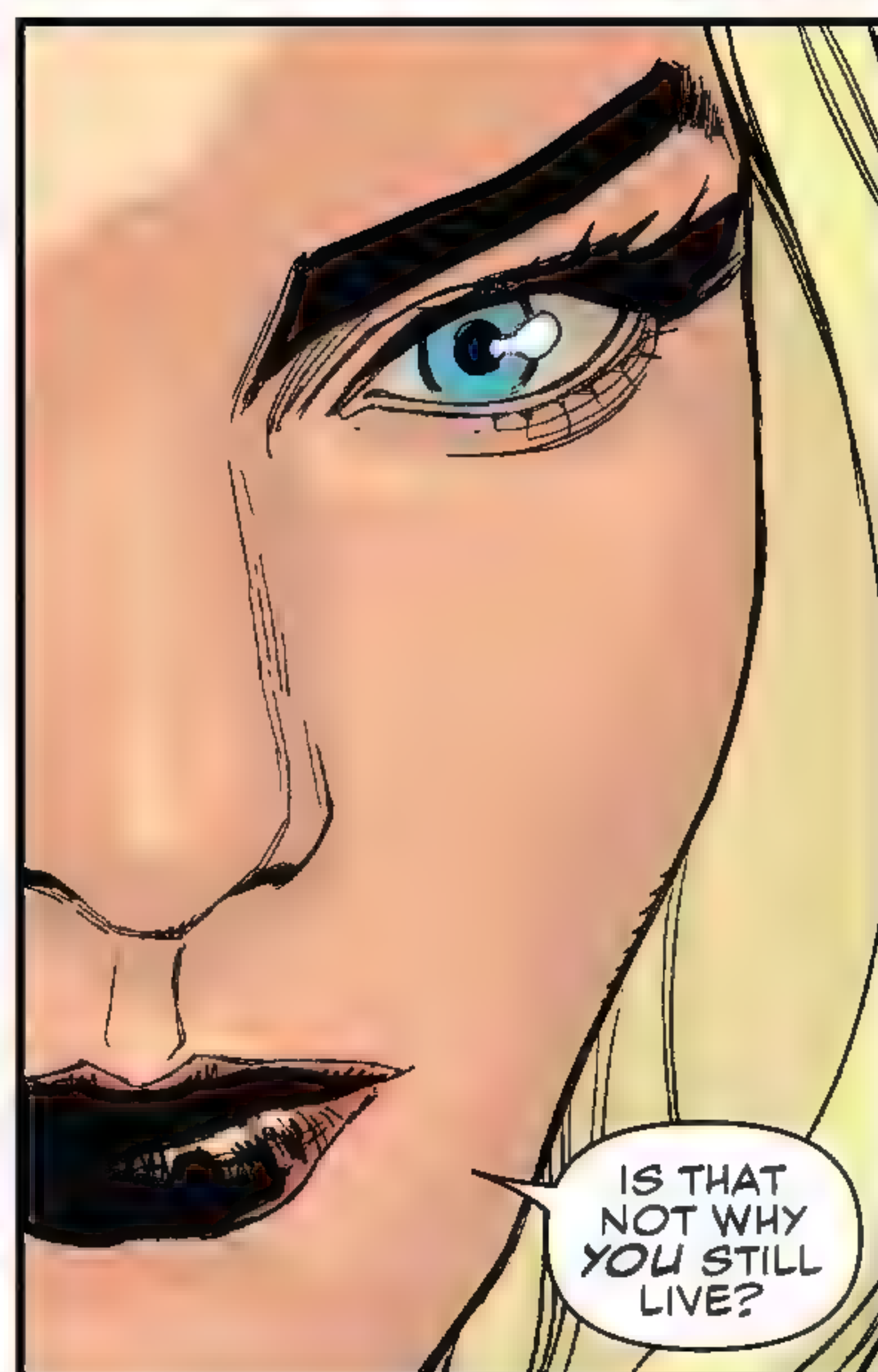
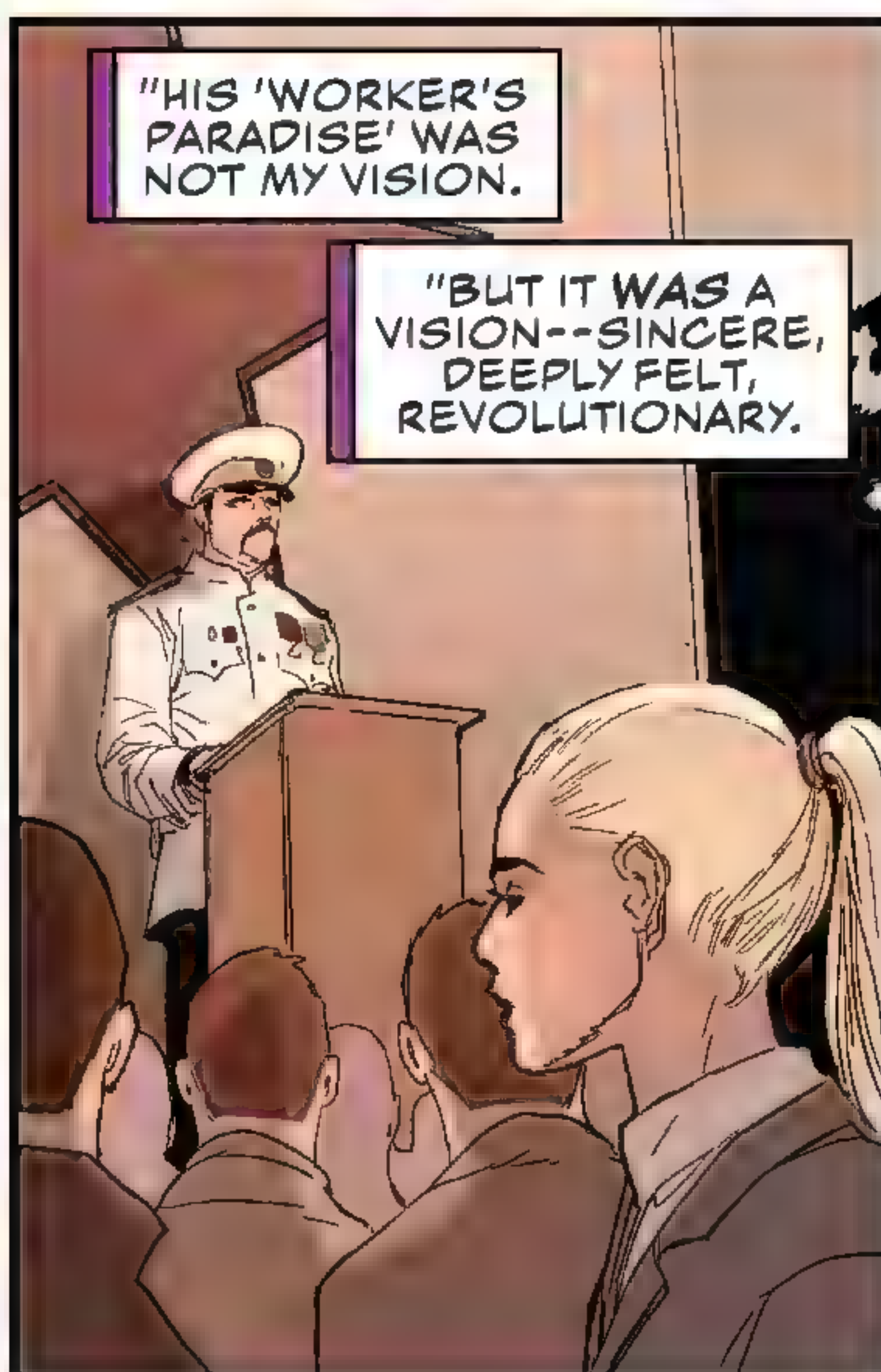
WHAT JUSTICE WOULD ELEVATE YOUR MISERY AND SUFFERING ABOVE THEIRS?



THE JUSTICE OF HISTORY.

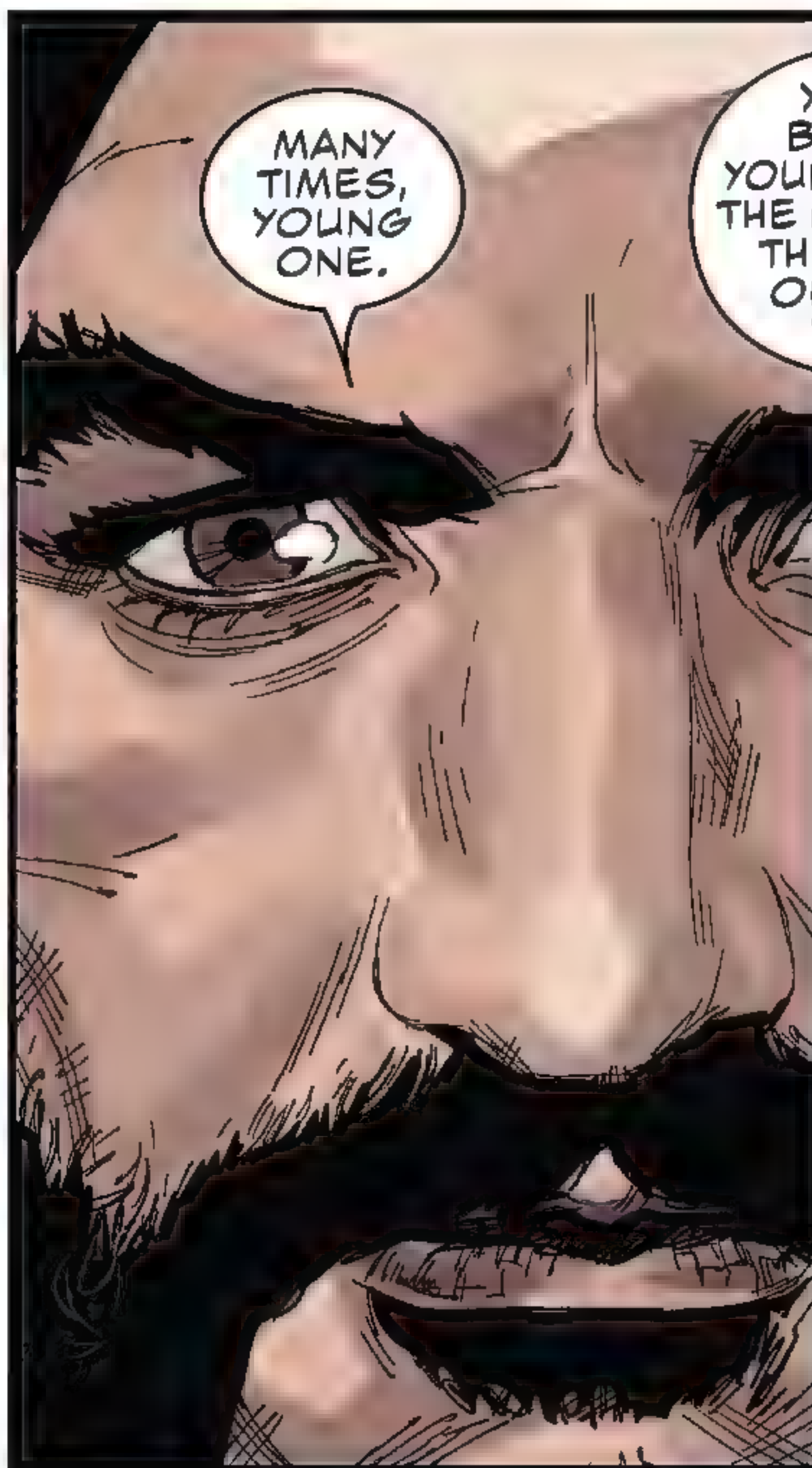


HISTORY... HMMM.





HOW MANY TIMES HAVE MEN EXALTED IN YOUR FALL ONLY FOR THE FATES TO FIND RASPUTIN LAUGHING OVER THEIR GRAVES?



MANY TIMES, YOUNG ONE.

YOU LIVE BECAUSE YOUR IMPORT TO THE HISTORY OF THIS WORLD OUTSTRIPS THEIRS.



AND SO HISTORY NOW DEMANDS THAT WE BE FREED FROM THESE AMERICANS AND THEIR "HEROES," WHO SUBJECT US TO INVASION AND DARK FUTURES.

THEY HAVE ALL FAILED US.



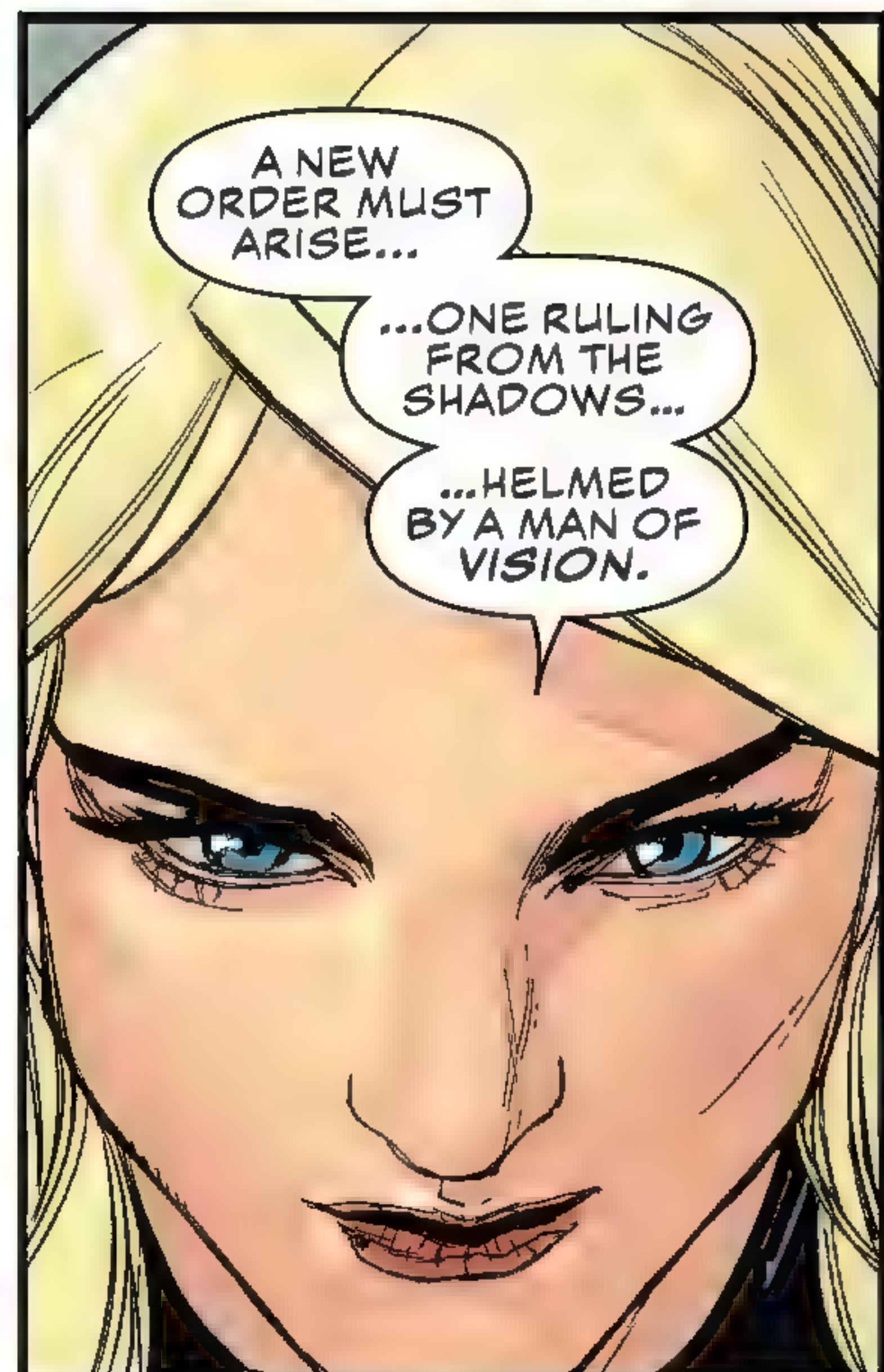
AND THEY WILL FAIL US AGAIN, I KNOW. IT IS THE CYCLE.

BUT RUSSIA CAN DO NO BETTER. WHERE IS YOUR RED GUARDIAN? YOUR DARKSTAR?

RUSSIA HAS FALLEN. RUSSIA IS A HULKING, LUMBERING MASS.



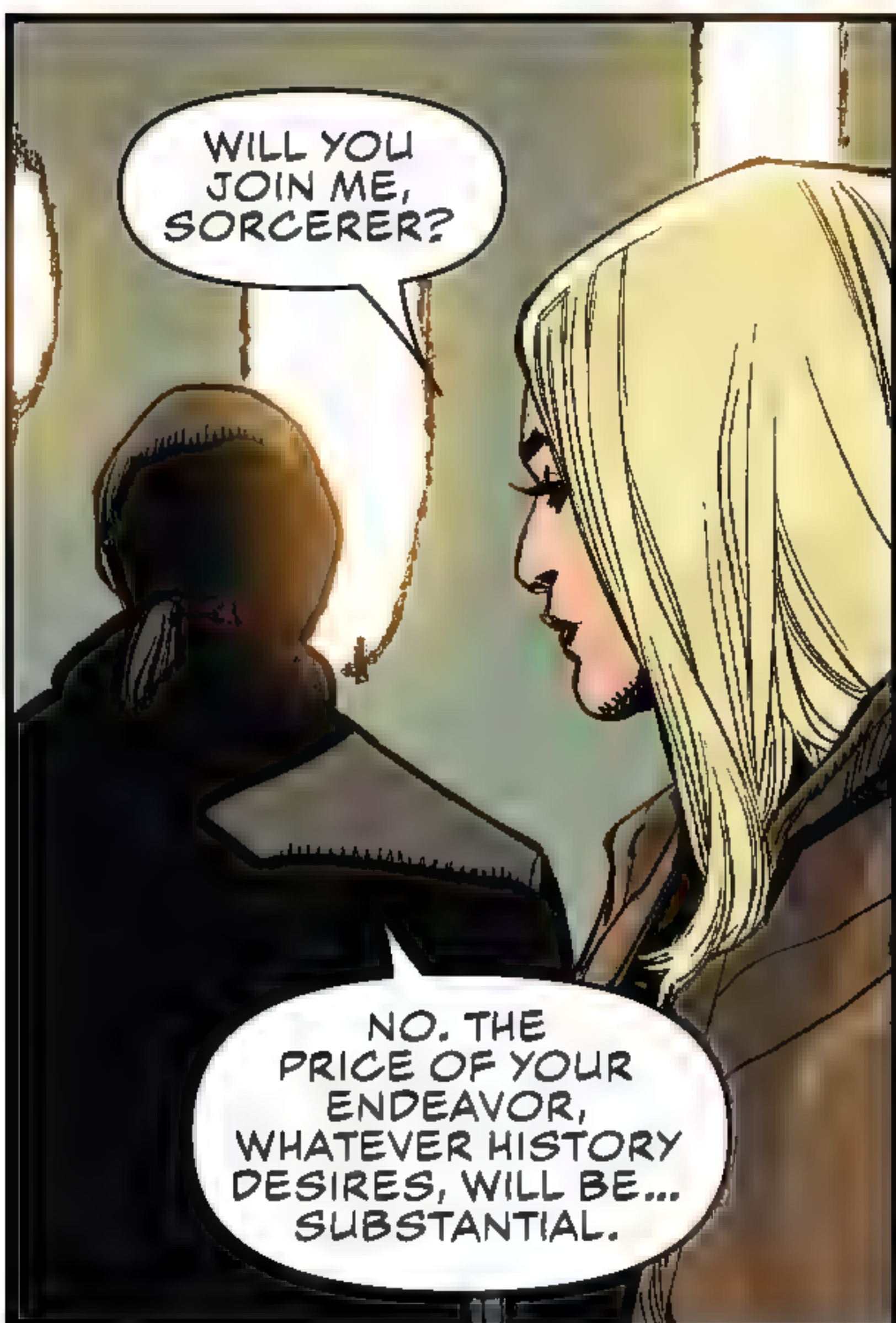
THEN WE WILL HAVE TO BE, AS THE AMERICANS SAY, "MORE FORWARD-THINKING."



A NEW ORDER MUST ARISE...

...ONE RULING FROM THE SHADOWS...

...HELMED BY A MAN OF VISION.



WILL YOU JOIN ME, SORCERER?

NO. THE PRICE OF YOUR ENDEAVOR, WHATEVER HISTORY DESIRES, WILL BE... SUBSTANTIAL.

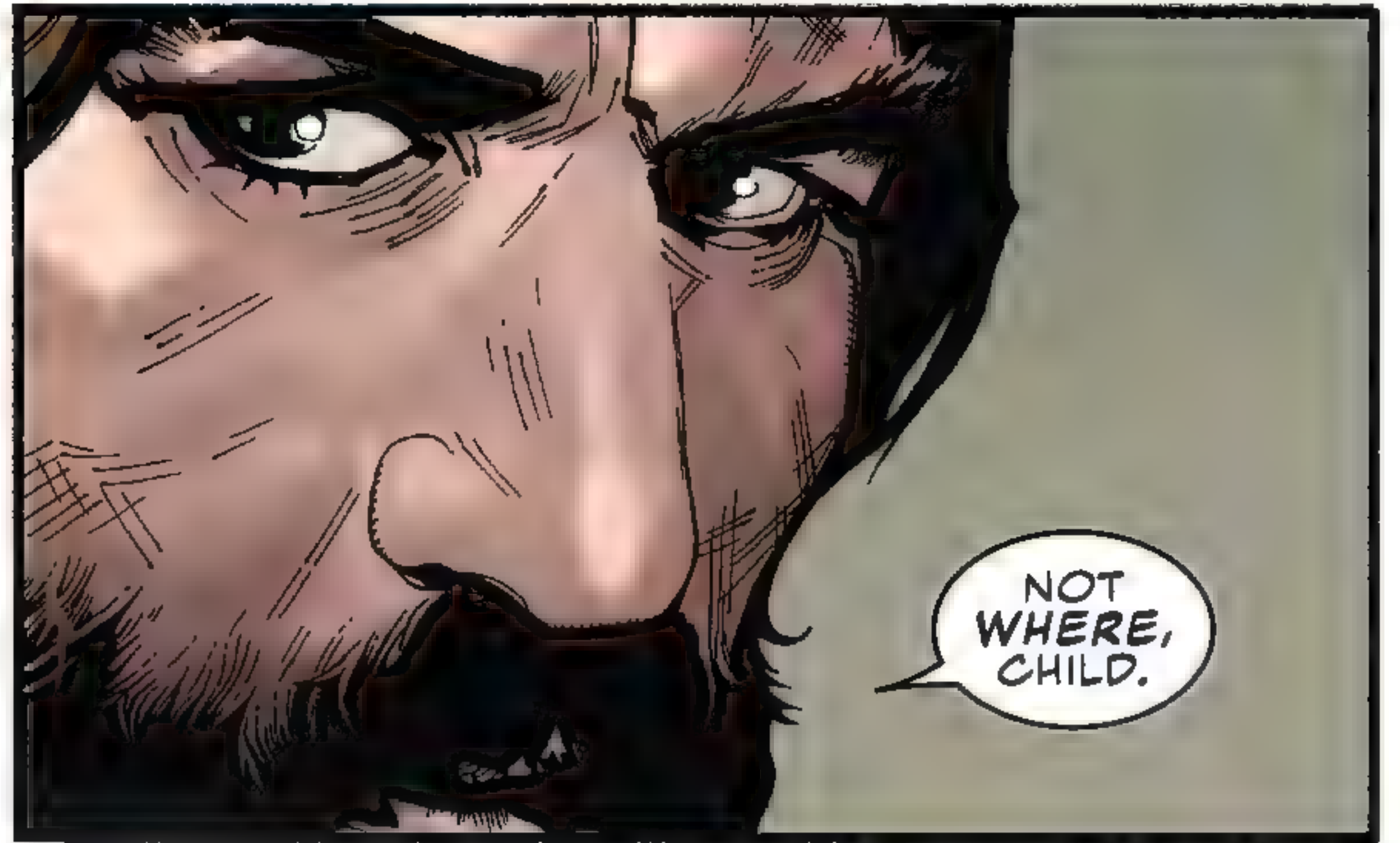
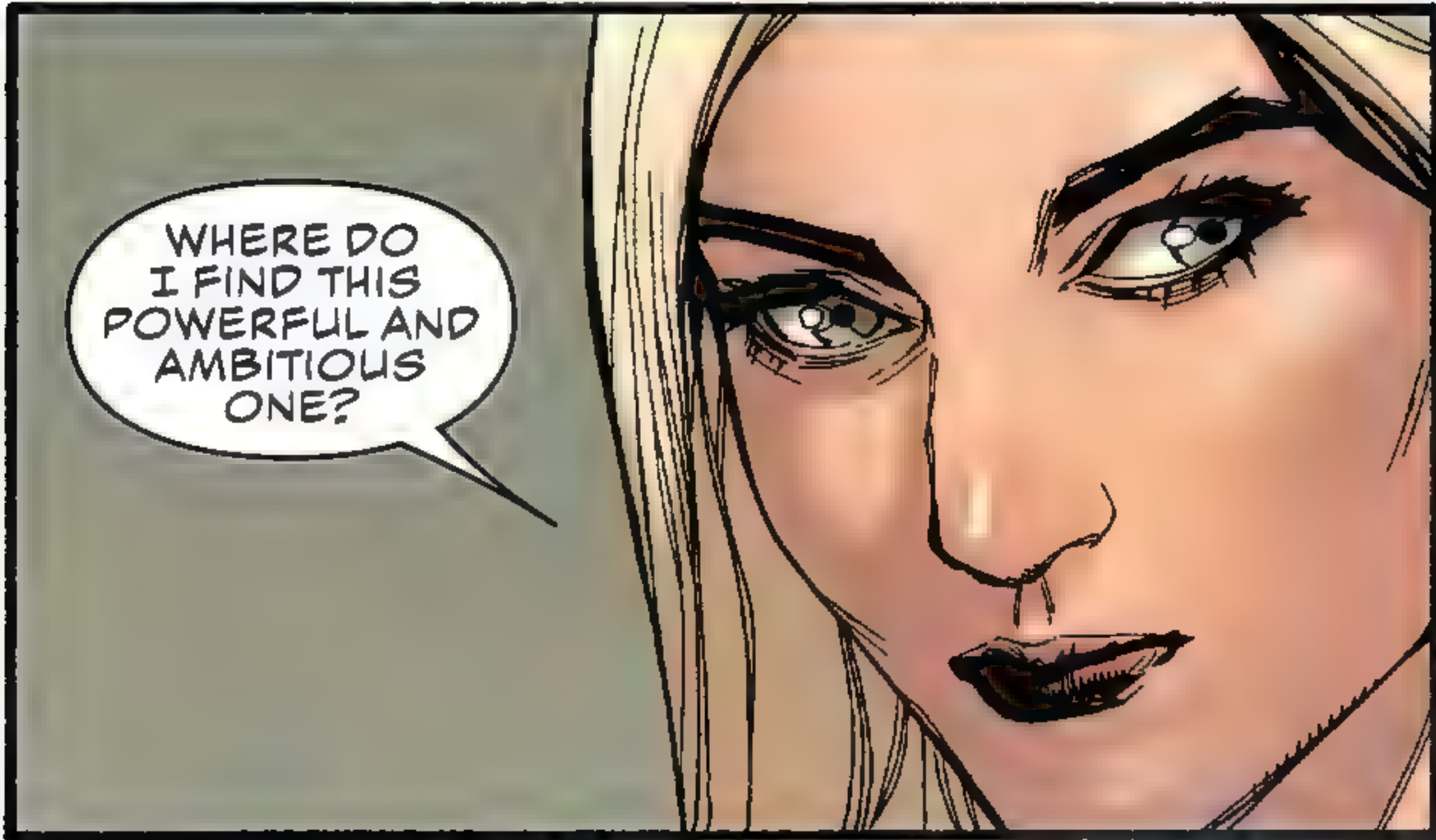
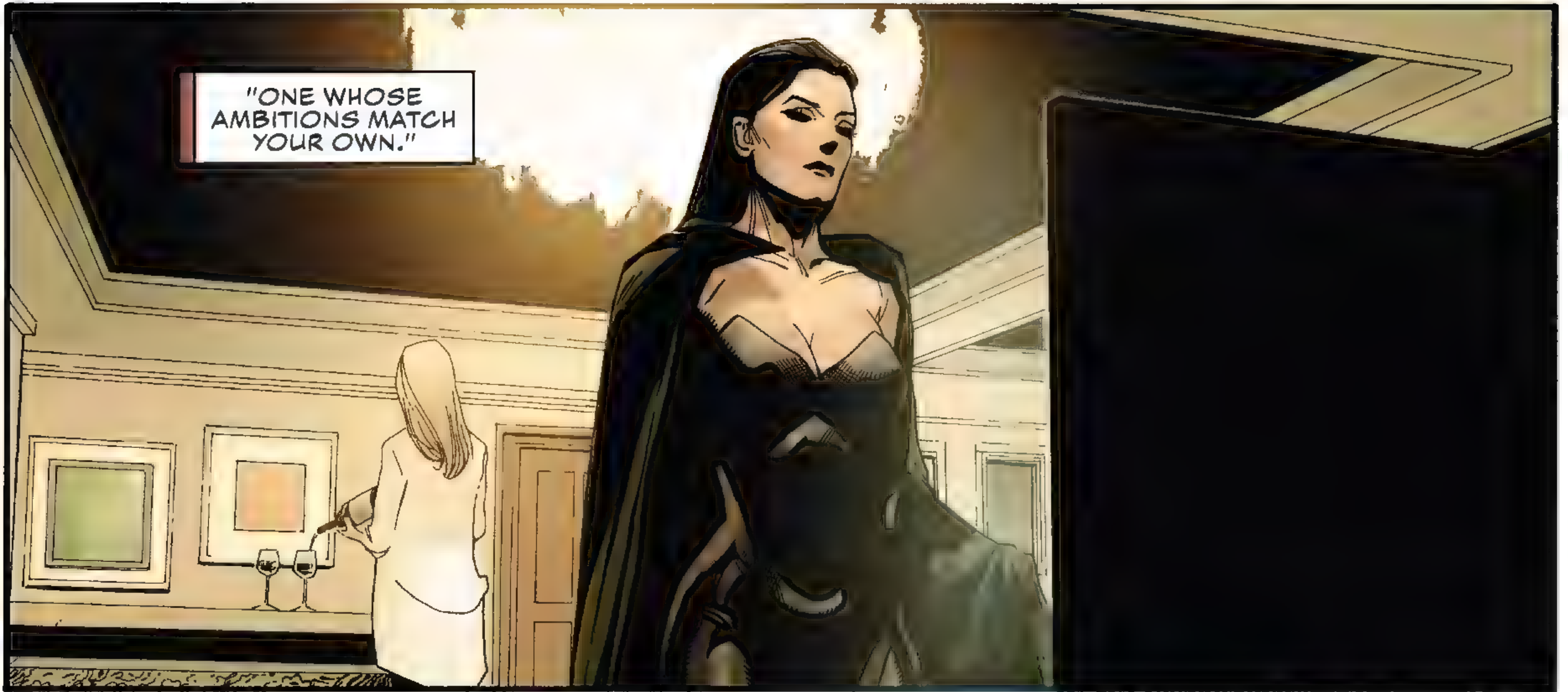


I WARN YOU, ALEXA. YOUR HUSBAND MAY RETURN-- BUT HE WILL NOT RETURN THE SAME, AND HE WILL NOT RETURN ALONE.

WHAT CHOICE HAVE I? WHAT ELSE IS THERE?



IF YOU MUST PROCEED, THERE IS ONE WHO IS EXPERIENCED IN THESE AFFAIRS.





SELENE
WAS MY FIRST
RECRUIT.



TO RESTORE
YOU, I NEEDED THE
BLOOD OF YOUR
SLAYER. SELENE
WAS MY
SIPHON.



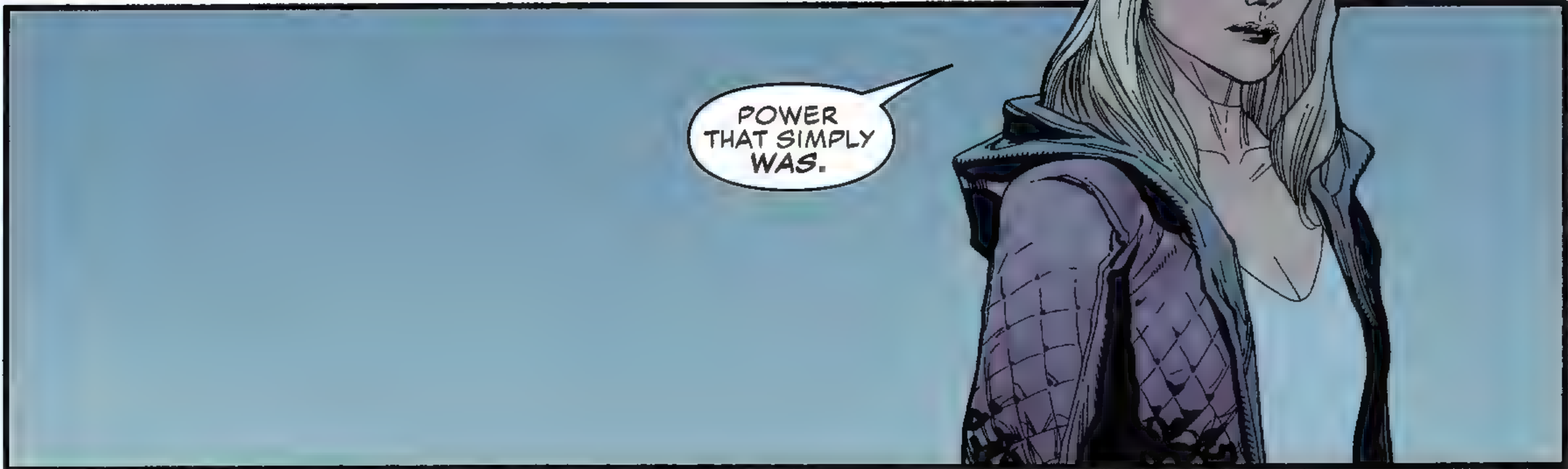
AND
MUCH MORE,
WAS SHE
NOT?



YES, SHE
BROUGHT
TRUE POWER
TO OUR
DESIGN.



POWER THAT DID
NOT BOAST--THAT
WORE NO RUDE
COLORS.



POWER
THAT SIMPLY
WAS.



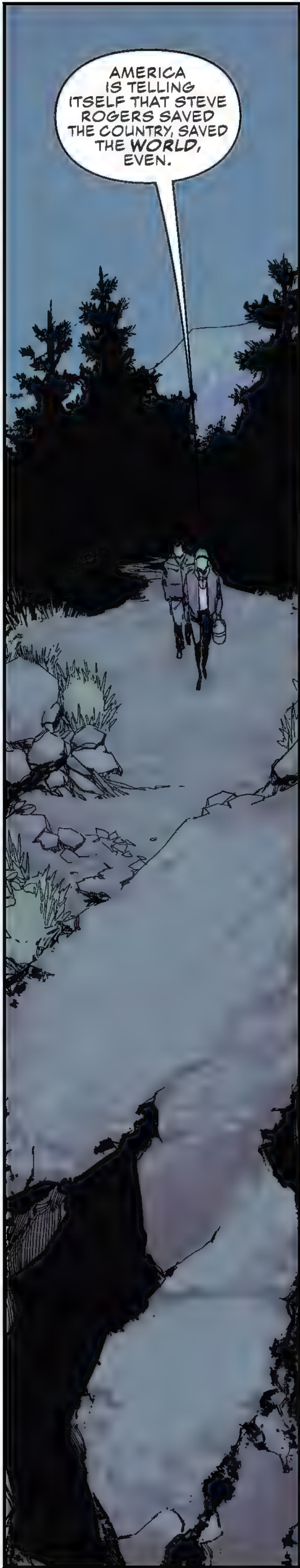
"AND WHEN THESE
HEROES IN THEIR
COSTUMES AND
RUDE COLORS
ROLLED OVER
FOR HYDRA..."



"...WHEN
THEY BENT
THE KNEE..."



"...WE WERE
THERE."



AMERICA
IS TELLING
ITSELF THAT STEVE
ROGERS SAVED
THE COUNTRY, SAVED
THE WORLD,
EVEN.



BUT THE WORLD KNOWS
BETTER, MY LOVE. HE
KNOWS BETTER.

EVEN
AMERICA KNOWS
BETTER.



THE PEOPLE
DON'T TRUST
THIS CAPTAIN. BUT
MORE THAN THAT--
THE AMERICANS
DON'T TRUST
THEMSELVES.



THEIR
LEADERS ROB
THE CITIZENS
BLIND.

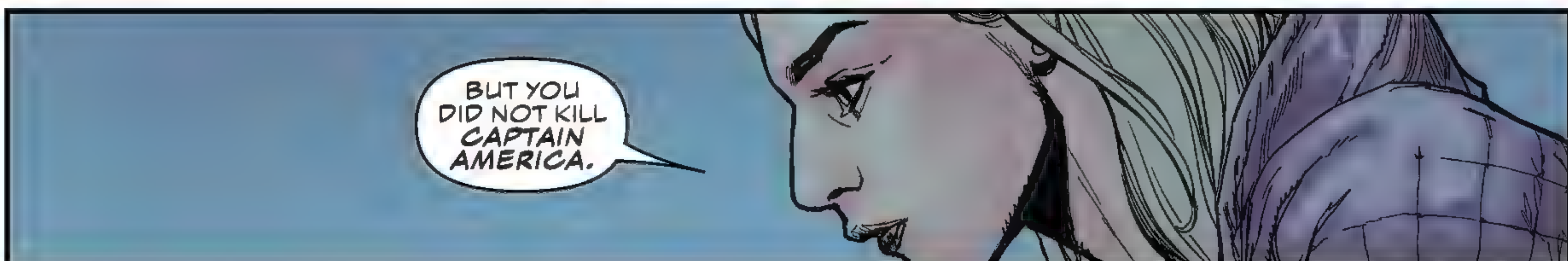
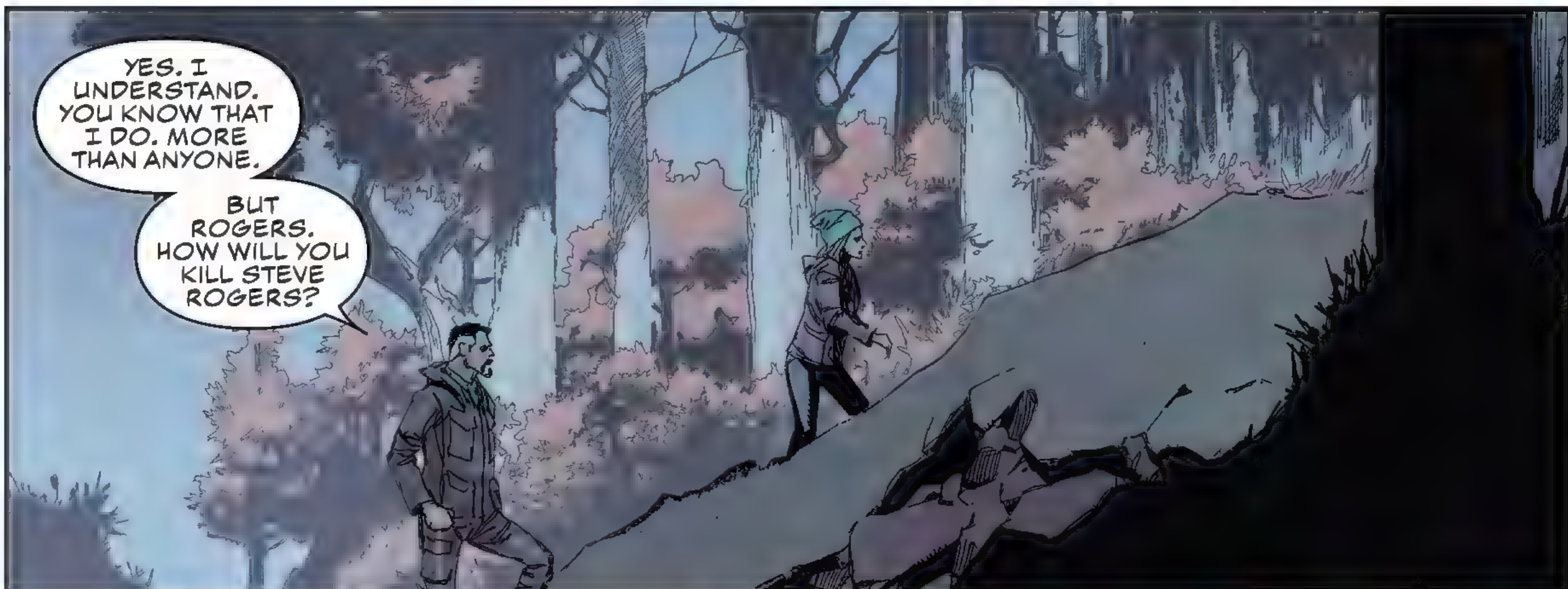
THEIR
POLICE
BUTCHER
MEN ON
VIDEO.

THEIR
BUREAUCRATS
POISON THE
DRINKING
WATER.



THEY
NEED A STEADY
HAND TO GUIDE
THEM.

OUR
HAND.

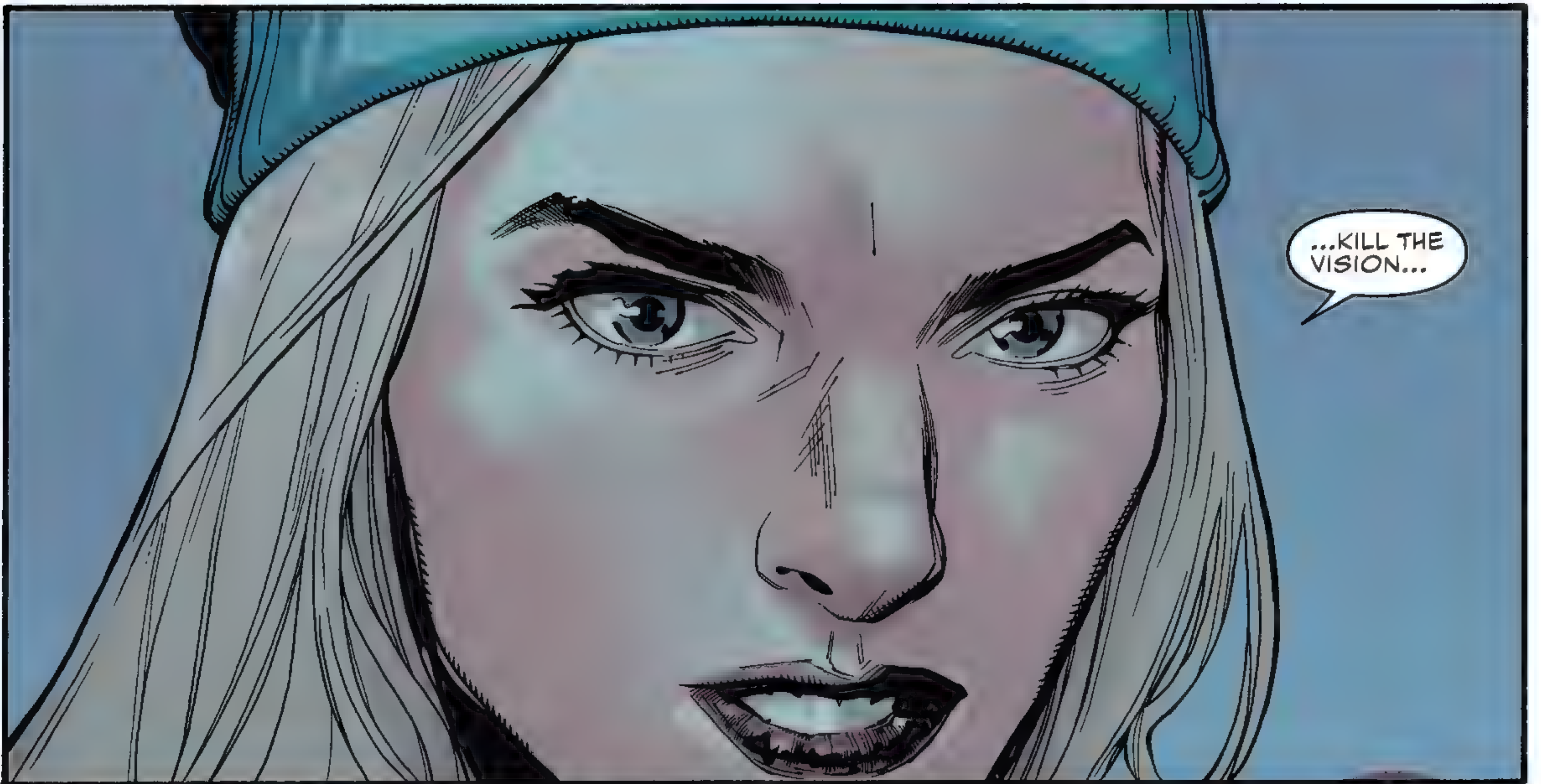




AND THAT
IS BECAUSE
CAPTAIN AMERICA IS
A VISION, A DREAM,
A NEED OF HISTORY,
BORN OF GREAT
WARS AND HIGH
IDEALS.



"TO KILL CAPTAIN
AMERICA, YOU MUST
KILL THE IDEA..."



...KILL THE
VISION...



KILL THE
DREAM.

BROOKLYN.

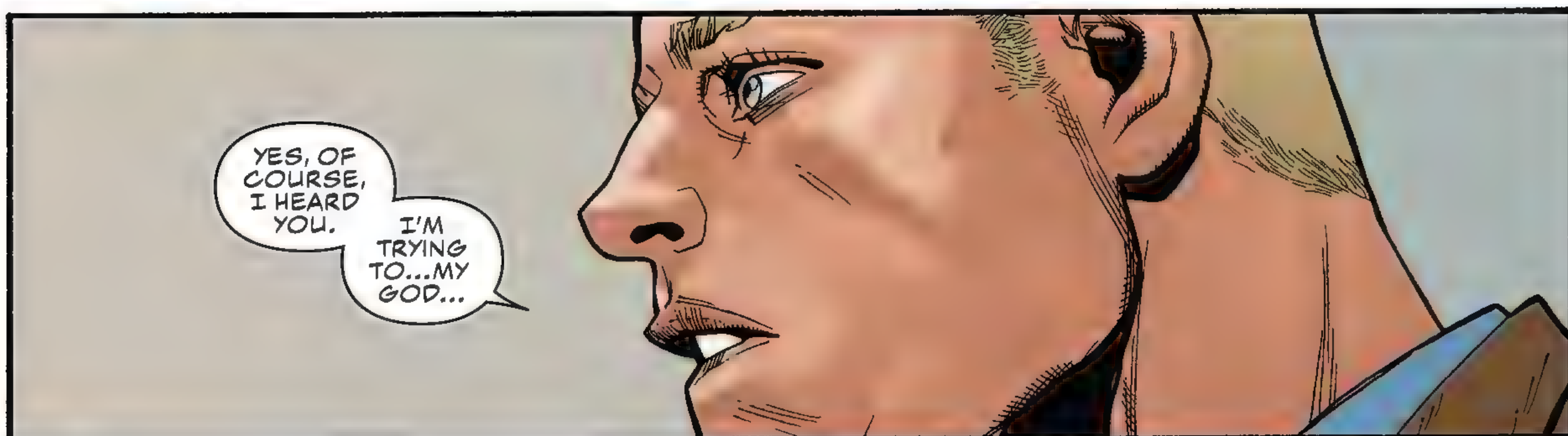


DEAD,
NICK?

YOU'RE
TELLING ME
THADDEUS
ROSS IS
DEAD?

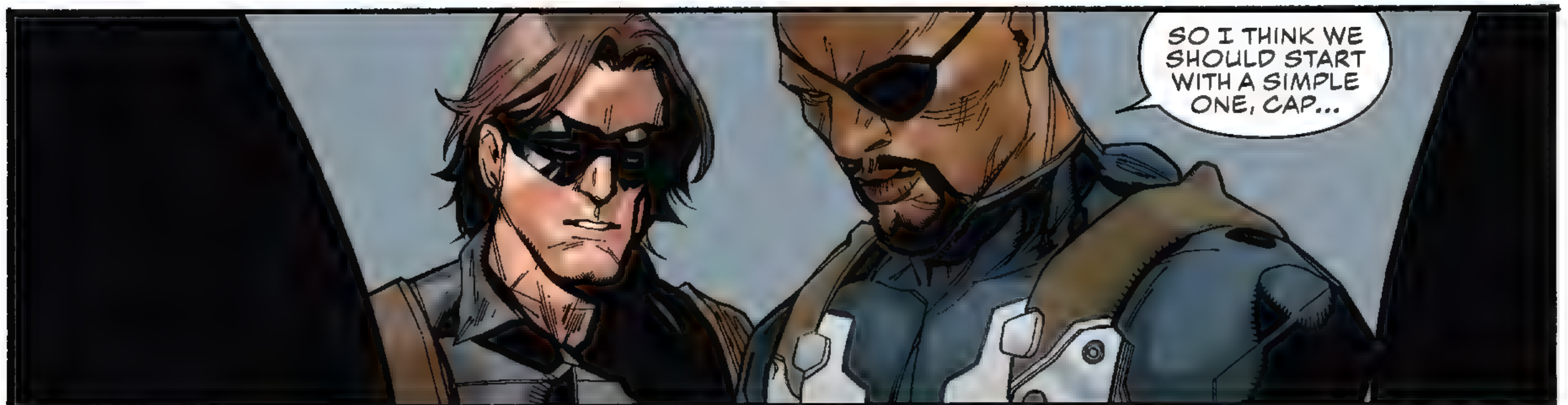
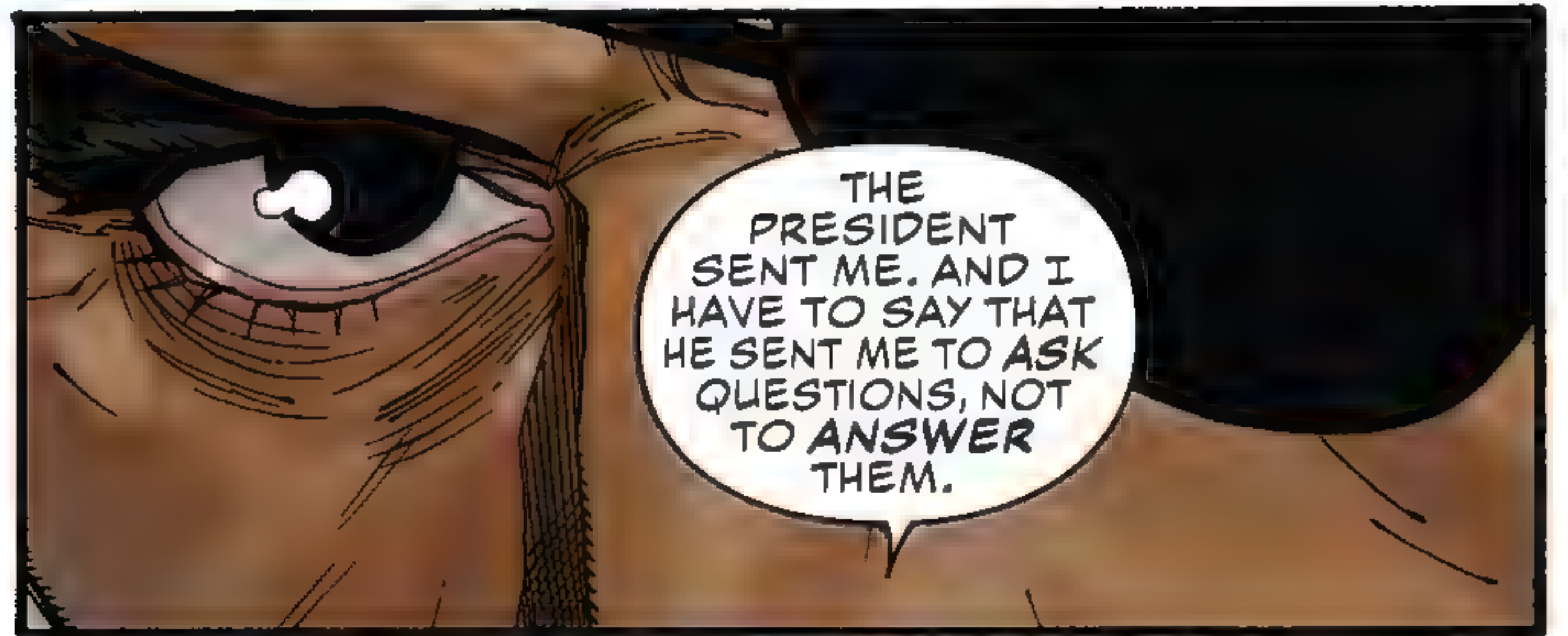
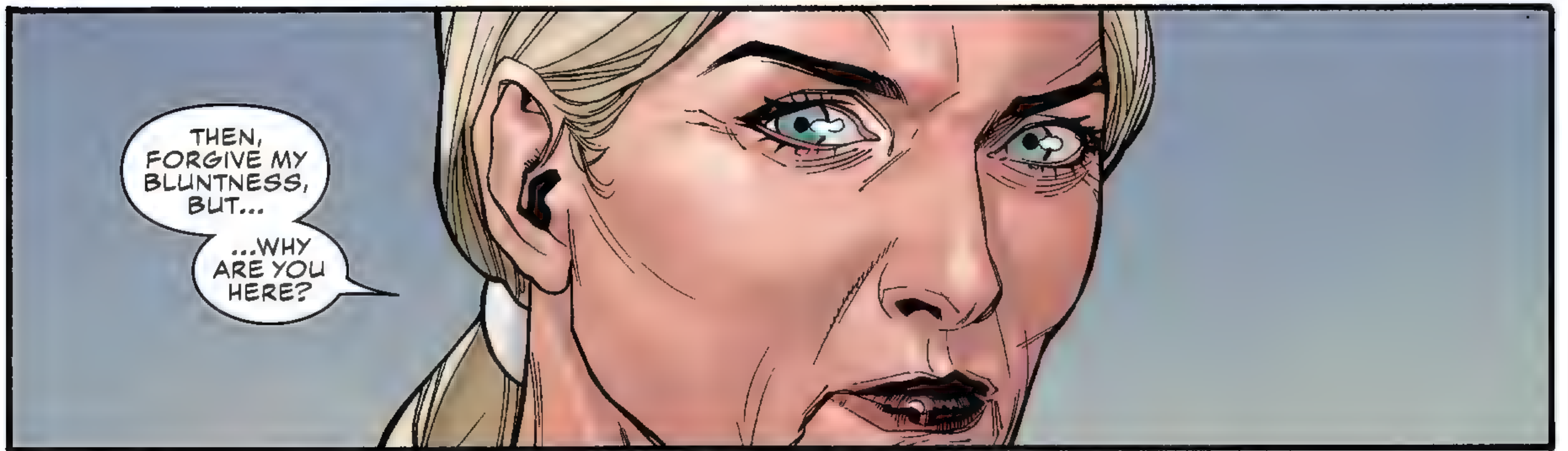
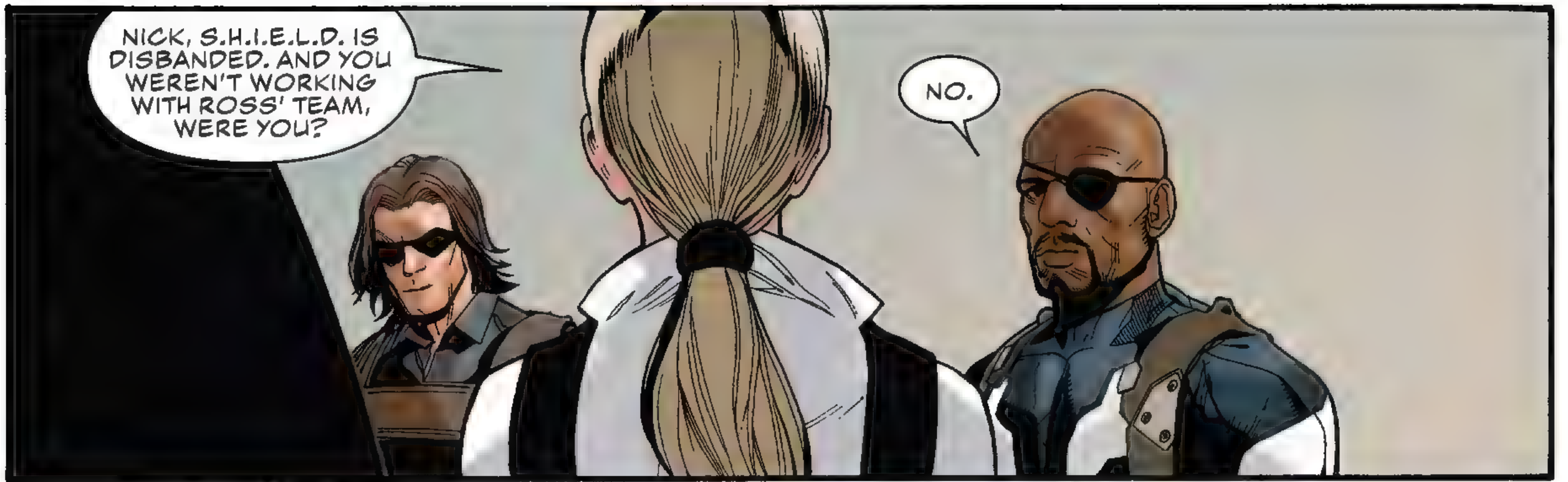


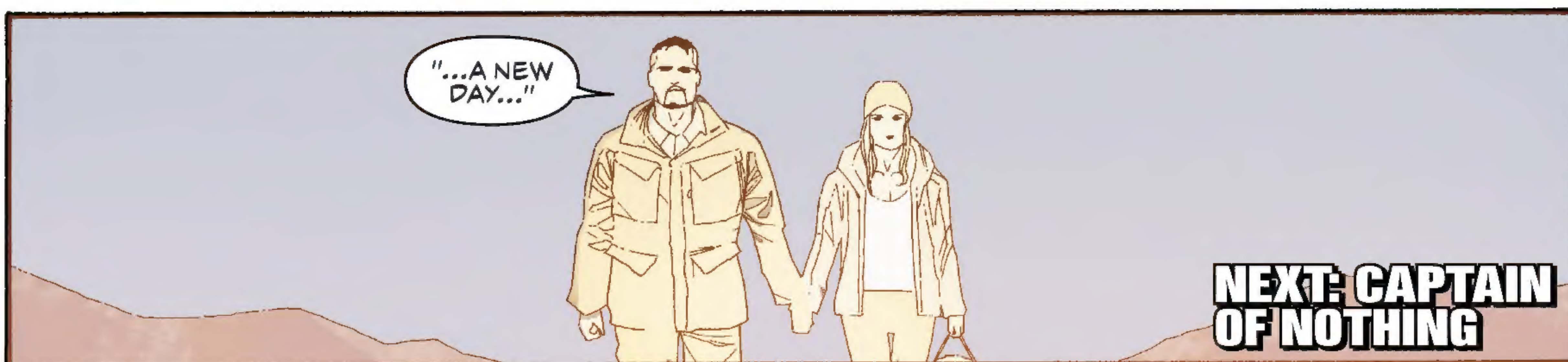
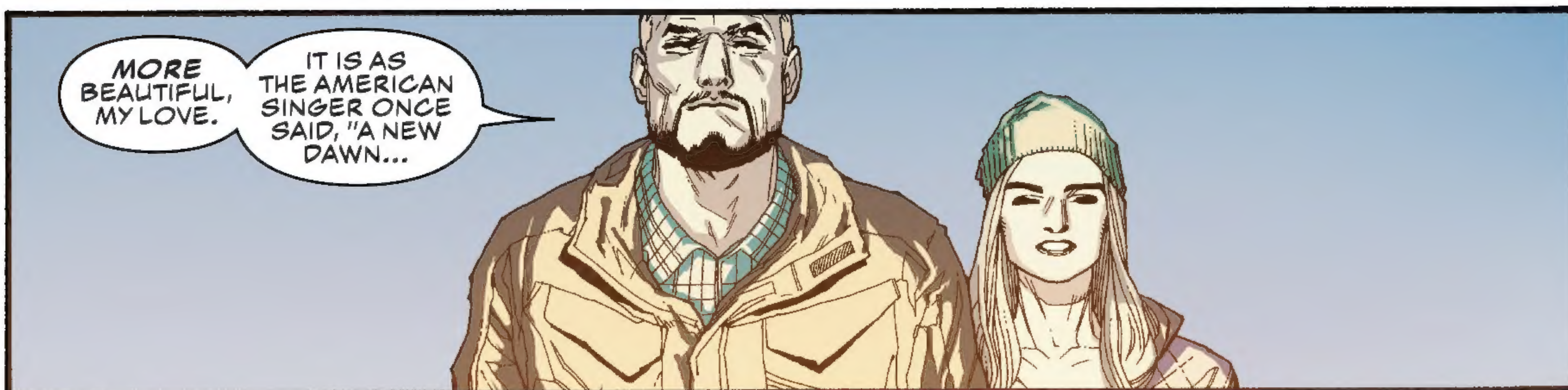
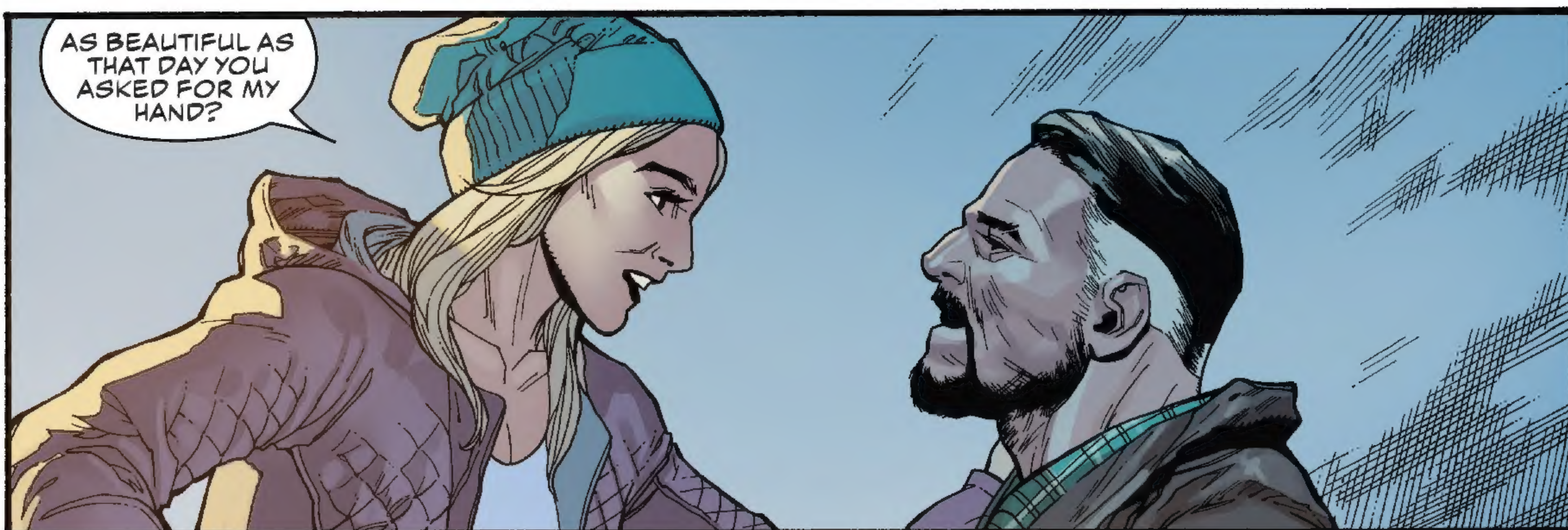
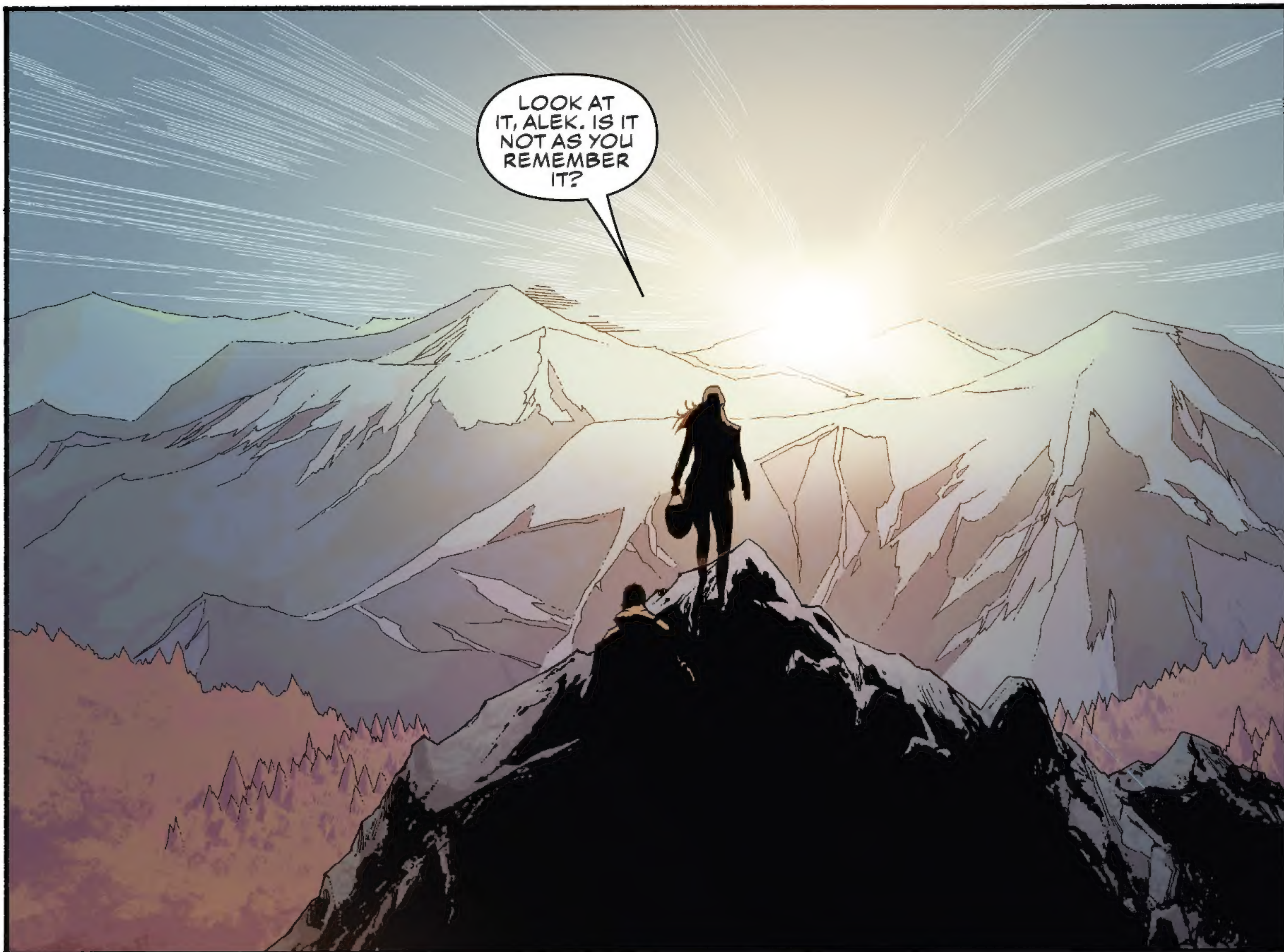
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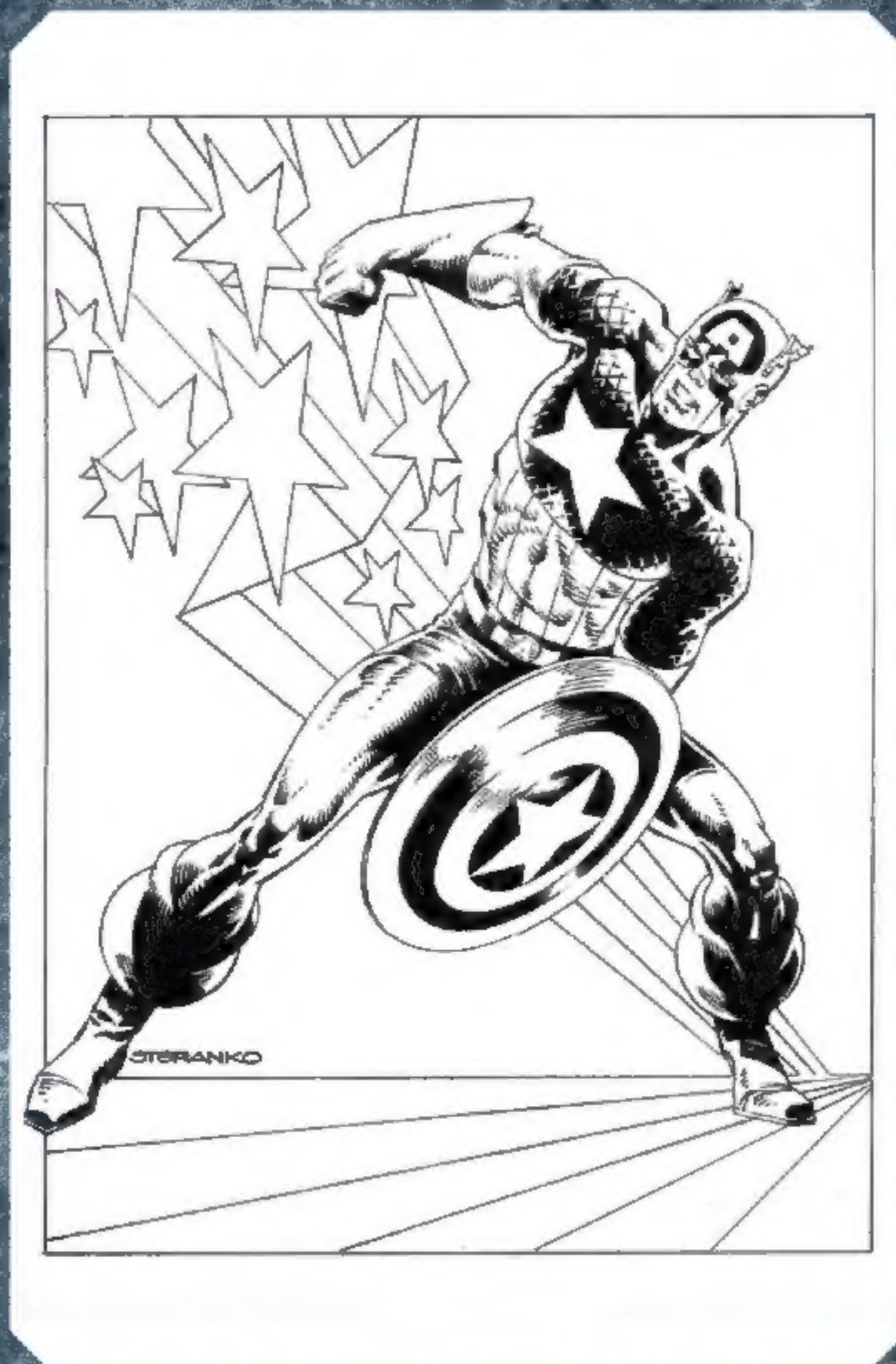
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